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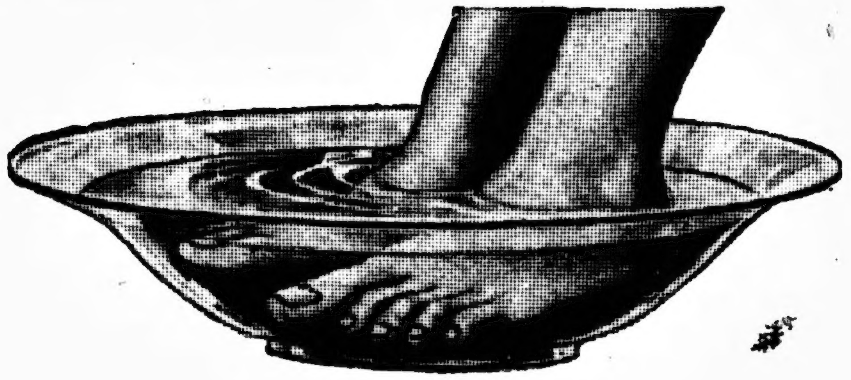

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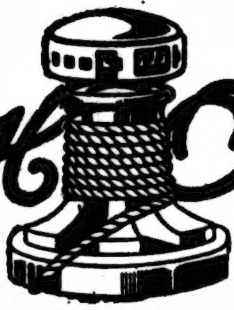

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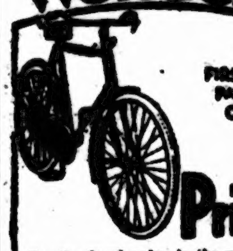

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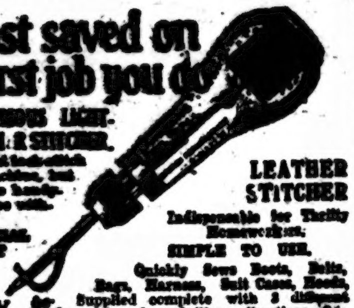

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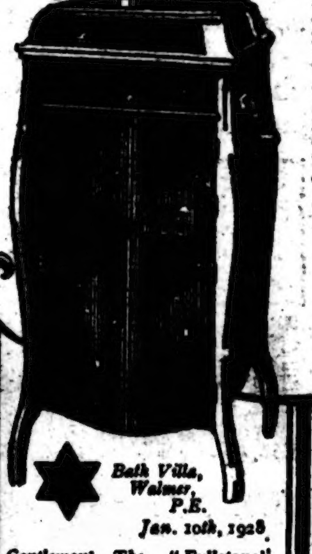

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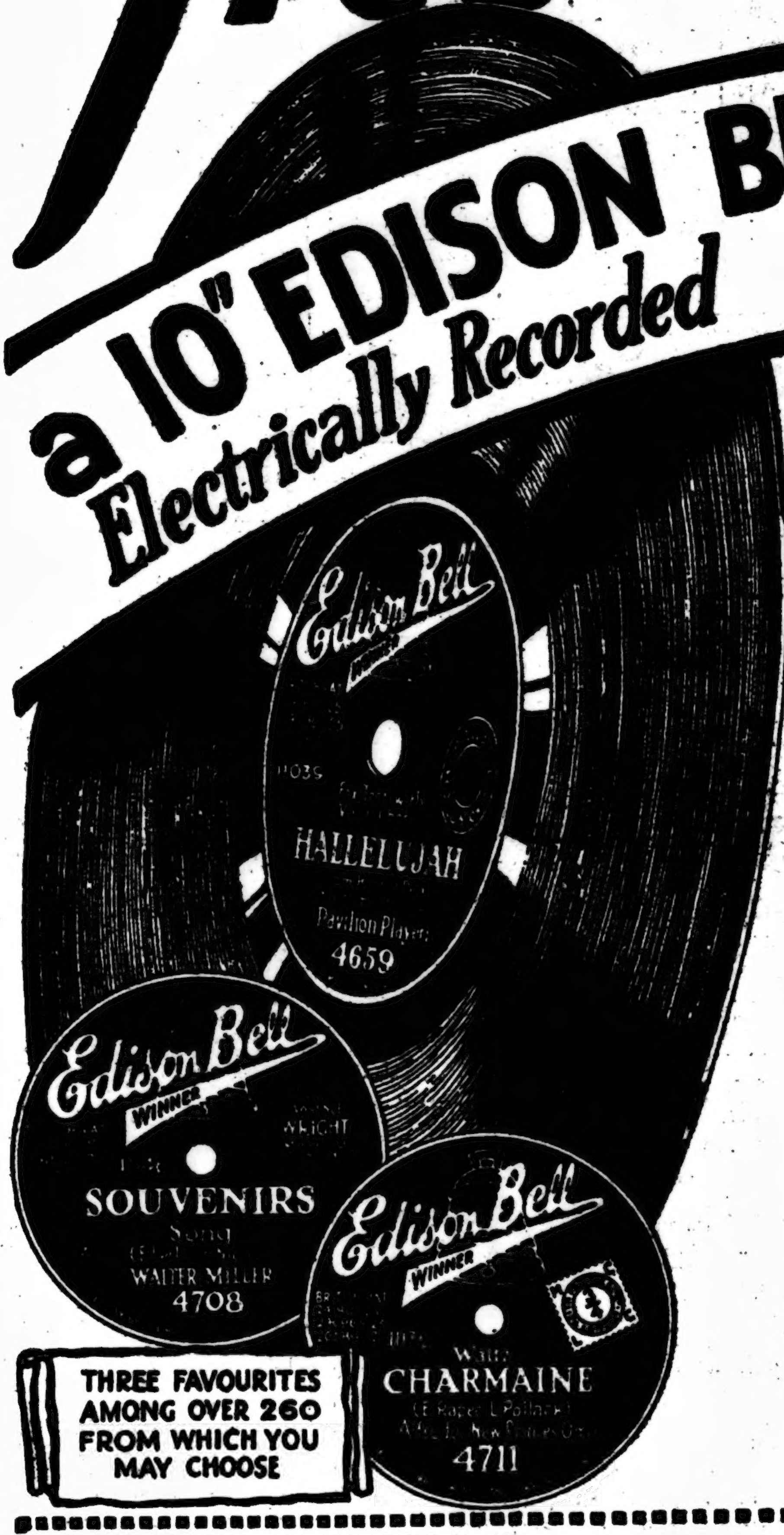

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Too Much Holiday.

The outstanding fact of the new Parliamentary Session—proclaimed by the Premier himself—is that in the first ten months of the year only twenty-two days are to be given to any important legislation, an average of half a day a week.

Bilked Again.

A Franchise Bill, some tinkering with agricultural credits, a few minor measures, routine financial business, and a long summer holiday—that's the programme. Unemployment, the coal problem, the crisis in agriculture—these don't "officially" exist.

Those Crushing Rates.

One bright spark in the legislative outlook is that, with the Government's guarded pledge, all Parties are now on the move to tackle the ratepayers' burdens from the national standpoint.

Not to be Toyed With.

The Government makes a great mistake in ignoring the wide and deep craving for social betterment that waits for a practical lead. Following the Liberal Industrial Report, the Speech that opened Parliament seemed like a popgun after a cannon.

Boomerang!

The Liberal victory at Lancaster was due to two things—the electorate's resentment at its desertion by Sir Gerald Strickland and its disgust at the grossly unfair attack on Mr. Lloyd George. Vulgar abuse is not politics.

A Mine for Politicians.

Whatever may be thought of the solutions, the Liberal Industrial Report is a vivid picture of the formidable problems to be grappled with. The piquant thing will be to see the other Parties picking ideas from it.

Our Standpoint.

Owing allegiance to no political Party, but friendly, and critical, to all, we show things as they are, not as most likely to turn to Party advantage. There's a world of difference, so far as truth is concerned, in the method.

They Don't: We Will.

Cabinet Ministers have reduced to a fine art the neglect of urgent problems. We shall continue to air them. Watch John Bull. Our pages provide valuable ammunition for the General Election.

A Kind of "Rot."

To escape dull futility rather than to make money is the motive of the long succession of able men who in the last year or so have quitted the Ministry or public service for "business." When big work is put in hand, the State will find big men eager to do it.

It Speaks Well.

Of £97,000 needed to relieve sufferers from the great floods of London, £92,000 is already in hand. If heart alone could save the world there wouldn't be one evil left needing redress to-day.

Important.

With so much kindly hearted humanity showing on all sides, one thing only is needed. Brought together with all thought of Party jealousy left out, it needs directing with common-sense and our social ills could be solved in a few months.

Blunt Truth.

"Railroad earnings reflect sharply the slackening of industry" shouts a financial report. In other words, you can't hit cotton-spinners and starve miners without results. Humanity must swim, or sink, together.

No More War.

Japan "does not take seriously the American proposal to scrap submarines." We do, but think abolition of all armaments and recourse to "arbitration only" is the real safety.

Rotten Tactics.

The employment of girls in ordinary shop work for pittances of 4s. and even 3s. a week, then dismissing them at fifteen, is engaging the attention of the Shop Assistants' Union. It must engage the attention of all women the moment they gain equal citizenship.

We Approve.

The decision of the London County Council to pay expenses of necessitous school children visiting "away" grounds for athletics is well timed. Boys kept fit, away from street corners, are those most likely to pay as citizens.

Precaution.

Many American cities have a curfew hour for children, and if they are found unattended in parks and public places after it has struck, their parents are prosecuted. As a method of preventing evil at the source it has points.

Shame!

Blackwood Guardians are "unable to give food or money to the poor." Local government all over the coal-fields is slowing to a standstill, and yet not the slightest attempt is to be made by Parliament to ease this dreadful situation.

Mockery.

That "Christian England" still spends large sums yearly in sending missionaries abroad to the "heathen" is an ironic illustration of religious mentality. Savage tribes don't starve while there's food to be had. Children in Wales do.

Credit Where Due.

In Carlisle only one woman under the age of thirty was last year convicted for drunkenness. Coming from the Chief Constable, such evidence is valuable. It refutes those who in all girls see nothing but decadence.

Decent Behaviour.

In Mansfield, with an industrial population of 50,000, only nine persons in 1926 were convicted of drunkenness. It isn't law, but progress and education, that leads men and women away from making beasts of themselves.

Low Wages.

The Government is to be "asked" for a minimum of £3 10s. weekly wage for Civil servants. It must be granted, irrespective of sex. The pittances paid to some sub-postmasters is a scandal.

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"Tenners" for Twenty!

Twenty bright thoughts will bring £10 cheques to twenty "Bullets" competitors this week—and somebody must win £300. Turn to page 39 and join the prize-winners.

Mr. Babb Hits Out.

Mr. Babb, vice-chairman of Thrapston Rural Council, reports roads at Titchmarsh so bad that anything dropped on them disappears. All over the country work is waiting, but because brains in the Government are lacking, it isn't done.

Road Sense.

Roads used by the whole country ought not to depend on poor rural communities for repair. Road-making should be a Government job.

Towards the Dawn.

Fear, that keeps guns snarling. poisons the world. The moment that sees a real reduction of armaments begin is the one that will open, for all countries, the golden age of lasting progress.

Released Labour.

Building of beautiful cities can begin, and countrysides can smile with plenty when men are at liberty. A world that doesn't care whether labour is productive or not is a world in chains.

Why Oppose?

The complete electrification of agricultural Lincolnshire is foreshadowed within the next five years. It is time some county got a move on, but success cannot come unless the land is freed.

Horse Sense.

"Peace in industry" is a better slogan for workers than millionaires. We have 15,000,000 small investors owning £1,800,000,000 in provident societies.

Treasury Tricks.

Last year the Chancellor of the Exchequer repaid £40,000,000 to people not assessable for income-tax. The money of the country isn't all in a few hands, despite noisy agitators.

Meanness.

Carmarthen Rural District Council has reduced the wages of workers sixty-five years and older by the amount of their old-age pensions. We question the legality of this mean trick.

Poor Old Horse.

The value of the export trade in live horses is £3,500,000 a year. So much greater our shame. Money wrenched from cruelty helps no one.

Daily Danger.

Making the roadway safe for their fellows, Alfred Broster, a Newhall miner, was killed and three others injured by stone falls from the roof. There is enough unavoidable risk in mining without adding to it by avoidable hardship.

Whips for Poverty.

The belated decision of the Metropolitan Asylums Board to convert patients' pillows at Darenth Training College from horse-hair to feathers shows how slowly Bumble dies. People are still penalised for being poor and unfortunate.

Where Babies Swarm.

A charabanc ride given by the Salvation Army to poor mothers in London showed that eighteen women had between them 251 children, one being mother of twenty-three. Such indiscriminate breeding explains in part why overcrowding in the East End is well-nigh insoluble.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Too Tired ?

Eighteen reports by medical officers of London and provincial boroughs tell the same tale of overcrowding and lack of houses suited for workers and their incomes. Yet the Government sits down and smiles complacently. Where are the M.P.s with some real " go " in them ?

Clean Glasses.

The chairman of the Ruabon Bench voices the wishes of all decent people in demanding clean drinking-glasses. His warning to licensees of public-houses not merely to dip them in water and use them for hours at a stretch should be turned into a stiff penalty if neglected.

No Flies on Him.

Momentarily blinded by the flash of his controller catching fire, the driver of a Sheffield tram found his place supplied by P.C. Lucas, who jumped on the car and applied the brake. Nimbleness of wit and limb in averting serious accident is worth all we can say of it. Well done !

Foolish Fret.

Because a letter from her soldier lover was delayed, Ada Frances Wall, a young hotel servant of Ross, drank poison and died in agony. Next day the letter, warm and affectionate as ever, arrived. Worry never did a single soul in the world any good. Most worries never happen !

Men and Machines.

Non-replacement of a guard on a machine for making tin boxes was a factor in a woman operator's loss of three fingers. A £25 fine should jog the memory of Messrs. John Bentley, of Manchester, that they cannot run machines at the expense of the men and women behind them.

Bravo, Mildred !

When two young bairns fell into the deep waters of a flooded dyke at Thorne, little Mildred Millington did not hesitate for a moment. Fully clothed she plunged to the rescue. One of the children she had to rescue from entangling weeds. How proud Thorne must be of its thirteen-year-old heroine.

Innocent Childhood.

A committee of the Board of Education, urging that only pictures admirable for artistic merit should adorn the walls of elementary schools, finds that " the natural and unguided taste of young children is surprisingly good." Exactly. The raw material is all right. It's what we do with it afterwards that so often spoils it.

Poor Economy.

Deplete the wages bill of the London County Council staff of women cleaners by £3,000 a year and all that is achieved is reduction in wages of employees, many of whom are widows, and none of whom are affluent, and dirtier schools. This latest municipal " reform " looks too much like municipal muddle-headedness for our liking.

Reservists' Scandal.

Nearly 300 of the 1,650 Class A Army Reservists, called up for the defence of Shanghai and discharged, have found their previous jobs filled and more than 1,000 are out of work. A wise Government would have forestalled such a situation. The price of its folly will be high and on its own head if it does not take action now.

Beauty Before Health.

The objection of Tilford, Surrey, inhabitants to the erection of a pumping-station in their village does little credit to either their public spirit or their common-sense. Waterworks are needed everywhere to make the country-side inhabitable. It should be possible so to build them that the best part of all natural beauty spots is preserved.

Queer Morality.

Forty-one members of Liverpool City's Council have opposed the provision of concerts in the parks on Sundays. Councillor J. Walker's reason for doing so is that " it would be bad for the morals of the city " ! Next time they get a chance, Liverpool voters should remember these extraordinary gentlemen—and relieve them of their offices.

" My Lords' " Lodging.

For three months during assizes, Newsham House, Liverpool, accommodates the two judges and their retinue. For nine months in the year it is empty. Justices should be ashamed not to demand that a twenty-six-roomed mansion be put to a full-time use.

Slipping Back.

With seven convictions for felony, counteracted by two years' honest work, Arthur Anderson, a Norwich bricklayer, finding there was no job for him one day, drifted back into stealing a pair of rubber boots. He cannot complain that in being fined £3 he has not been given another chance. Now it is up to him to take it.

Too Light.

For injuring his daughter, trying to murder his wife and wounding her relations, John Cox, an Islington gas-fitter, has been imprisoned for twelve months. Not even the forgiveness of his nearest and dearest, however admirable, should have secured so easy a let-off for such a family menace.

Send Him Back.

Britain does not want Charles Joseph Friedlander, a Swede, who with a salary of £300 a year as departmental manager to a Sheffield firm, defrauded his employers of £1,000 in eight years. Why should the State support him during twelve months' hard labour ? He should have been deported.

Welcome " Aussie " !

Memories of half-a-crown and a bottle of tonic received at Charing Cross Hospital, after a night spent on the Embankment, explained the visit of a now prosperous Australian with £100 for the hospital funds. An empire builder who puts so generous a construction on " I will repay " is entitled to all the help the Old Country can give him.

Real " Public " Houses.

Recent comments by the Barnsley licensing justices on the number of licensees who want " to do only the most handy sort of trade," are worth consideration in all country districts. People travelling need food as well as drink. Licensed houses are supposed to supply both, and should do it with a good grace when asked.

Proud of Him.

A Llandudno councillor, finding the home of a former employé was being sold up to pay a county court demand, himself bought up the lots and provided for two other judgments for smaller sums. Llandudno may be proud of its councillor, but our congratulations are for the employé on having made so true a friend.

Lost a Pal.

Recklessly driving his car, Eric Noel Mobbs, a Woking underwriter, crashed into a pair of horses, injuring one so badly that he lost a Great Western Railway Company carman a valued " pal." The Marylebone magistrates fined Mobbs £4 10s., with costs. Surely if any case did, this one deserved a suspended licence as well.

What Has It Done ?

Eighty ex-Suffragettes who have been in jail for the " good cause " were among the 150 present at the reunion dinner to celebrate ten years of votes for women. We proffer them a second menu of the inadequate laws, such as the Children's Act and regulations concerning midwives, their coveted vote has conspicuously failed to alter.

Young Briton.

A brave little lad is George Woolley, of Old Church Road, Romford, who, when he saw home-going school children in danger from a runaway horse, darted from among his schoolmates, seized the trailing reins and brought the frightened animal to a stop. Such readiness in danger at twelve years old gives promise of a fine manhood.

The Experiment.

To open wide a " door direct to management," Messrs. John A. Hunter and Co., Ltd., provision merchants and exporters, of Bootle, have set up a council of workers, including women, " to run the show with the management just holding the reins." Mr. Poulton Hones, the principal, has taken the short way to prevent trouble in his own domain.

Death and the Driver.

Our deep sympathy and our warm admiration go out to the father of little Joyce Whitworth, aged seven, who was killed at Downham by a motor-car. At the conclusion of the inquest, the man remarked, " The driver tried his utmost to avoid the accident." Small wonder that the coroner complimented Mr. Whitworth on his spartan sense of fair play.

The Long, Long Trail.

Found unconscious by the roadside, John McKenzie, aged twenty-one, a Manchester motor mechanic, was taken to Hull Infirmary and found to be exhausted. He had tramped, looking for work, and tramped without food. What a rebuke to those who echo the parrot cry, " They don't want to work." May some kindly employer now give McKenzie a real chance.

Not Enough Licking.

Although only £1 1s. 3d. insurance money was due on two workmen's cards which David Herbert Matthews, an employer near Wem, had failed to stamp, with costs and fines in addition he will not get away with it under £10 11s. 3d. Serve him right ! Waste, not only of money, but confidence in employers, is created by such foolish attempted evasions of the law.

The Miracle.

Born with a broken leg, wee feet turned inward, and so small that he slept in a doll's cot, five-day-old Roy Cook was taken to the Orthopædic Hospital in Great Portland Street, London, and after a few weeks' treatment will go home quite normal. When turned to life saving instead of life destruction, modern science is more than wonderful. It is awe-inspiring in its achievements.

The Human Machine

Why Grow Old ?

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

I FANCY women are more sensible than men ; for no woman is ever a day more than thirty—until she's fifty !

They believe the philosopher who said it was more cheerful and hopeful to be seventy years young than forty years old.

And so it is. Why should we put a limit on youth ?

Youth is the key to the door of enjoyment, and since youth is not simply a matter of years, why do we persist in growing old before our time ?

A lot of us do it because it's much harder to keep young than to grow old. Anybody can grow old ; it needs a bit of an effort to keep young.

You've got to keep fit mentally as well as physically—and that sometimes takes a bit of doing.

IF you want to keep young you've got to keep interested. You've got to keep your mind alert and up to date. You've got to discipline your mind just as sternly as you exercise your body.

If you want to grow old, of course, you can do it in no time. All you've got to do is to worry. Worry, and consequent mental turmoil, is the quickest age-producer I know !

It's funny how people will persist in worrying. It's so exhausting ! It takes far more energy to worry than to stop worrying.

If you'd only stop worrying you could devote all that surplus energy to the much more interesting and useful task of keeping young.

Luckiest Man Yet!

Their excellent war records have served many men to good purpose, and probably Arthur Ernest Chapman, of Birmingham. Seeing that he was liable to a fine of £3,340 for offering 167 putrid rabbits for sale as food, and escaped by paying £3, he should consider himself the luckiest man who ever lived. And he may congratulate himself that we were not on that very lenient Bench.

Gentlemanly Generosity.

Breaking into a bungalow belonging to Mr. Coker, a Newhaven headmaster, and stealing his goods, John Morgan Jones and John Davis, two young out-of-works, found themselves in custody. On learning that they had no money, no homes, no work, and had never been in trouble before, Mr. Coker decided to be their friend, and, instead of pressing the charge, help both to find honest work. Mr. Coker is a real man.

Price of War.

Joining the Army at seventeen, cut in the throat with a Gurkha knife, obliged to undergo twenty-five operations, and at thirty-five to die during an attempt to remove a tube in the left bronchus he had broken in a coughing fit, was the wretched life of Herbert Ernest Burns, of Folkestone. Is there a human being who, knowing such things are the price of war, would not clap into a lunatic asylum those who are ready to start another?

Dane's Tribute.

A cheque for £10,000 has been sent to the British Legion Appeal Fund by Mr. F. K. Kielberg, in recognition of the part played by the late Earl Haig in the recovery by Denmark of territory previously taken from her by Germany. We refer to the matter chiefly because we think it points the way to our own Government, for the Dane has surely honoured the dead hero in the manner that would have been most acceptable to his heart.

Nasty Old Man.

Could the mother of a man of seventy-one, named Borlase, who has had children by three women living in one house and whose daughter, aged three months, was found dead in bed, have heard the Greenwich coroner upbraid him, surely she must have blushed. To be described in the evening of life as a nasty and immoral old man is a frightful indictment against parents for failing to instil in their young people the first principles of modesty and decency.

Bad Girls.

That men are not the only ones to lay traps was proved by a Leeds University student, who gave a lift to a girl who put up her hand when he was motoring to Hebden Bridge. When within hail of a policeman she threatened to scream unless he gave her money. He paid, but later brought her up at court, where she was placed on probation with the prospect of prison if she repeated her trick. A similar short way with all blackmailers would soon end the nuisance.

In and Out.

It is difficult in the extreme to know how to deal with such men as Charles William Shepherd, on whose persistency as a van thief imprisonment seems to have little effect. Many times convicted, he had been out of jail but a fortnight when he found himself again in the hands of the police. Is the man to spend a lifetime popping in and out of Pentonville? Surely it is not beyond human ingenuity to hit upon a better way of schooling such incorrigible offenders.

Shanghai Shame.

Houses within the International Settlement of Shanghai where little Chinese girls of fourteen and fifteen were at the service of British and American marines are now officially stated to "have been closed down." If so, it is entirely due to the persistence of Mr. Wilfred Wellock, M.P., in drawing attention to the evil. Those who think such things are "unavoidable" should imagine the situation if the marines were Chinese and the girls British and American. Yet the moral aspect, in the sight of heaven, would be the same.

Bookies and Blue Frighteners.

Our postbag is bristling with laments from readers who complain that they cannot get settlement of their winnings from McLean, White and Co., turf and football accountants, of Palmer Street, Westminster. We are afraid that there is little they can do in the matter; but it is interesting to note that when McLean, White and Co. (which is a trading name for C. Hopwood) wish to press their claims against clients they resort to the old "blue frightener" dodge. They are obviously bookies to shun!

Treasure Hunts and Racing Tips!

A. E. Underwood, who figured as secretary to Hapo (Peruvian) Explorations, Ltd., is sending out circulars from Knollys Road, Streatham, S.W., to the patient supporters of John Fenn's treasure hunt. Mr. Underwood says he still believes Fenn will pull through, but that if any supporters think otherwise he will be pleased to accept their shares as a present. While waiting for Fenn's next bulletin, however, Mr. Underwood is improving the shining hour by inviting subscription to "a small fund" to run a racing system. He has chosen his public well.

The Fee of Gallilee.

Chas. C. Gallilee, of Lamb's Conduit Street, Theobald's Road, London, describes himself as a "house agent," but a lady who wrote for a list of flats and houses was informed that she must first pay £1 deposit and undertake to pay £2 more immediately she accepted accommodation. Failing that, she could pay £3 in advance on the understanding that it should be refunded if her requirements were not suited. Failing that, she could send a note of her requirements to be placed on Gallilee's free list. This seems a singular manner of conducting a house agency.

It Must Be Known.

To Jesse Dennis Garrard, of Seething, belongs the doubtful distinction of being the first offender against the new Sale of Food (Weights and Measures) Act. Fined 15s. for selling wrapped butter badly short in weight, his summons for not showing the weight on the wrapper was dismissed on account of the regulation not being generally known. Neither Garrard nor his colleagues have excuse to trespass in future; but why they were not more severely punished for cheating their customers in the matter of weight is a mystery.

Unmerciful "Dora."

The silliness of "Dora" is dangerous at times. Vice-Admiral Wade Caulfeild was in a car smash. After taking an injured man to hospital, he was ordered by a constable to return to the broken car and remove it. He asked the policeman to accompany him to a public-house as he needed a glass of brandy, as he was badly shaken by the smash. The policeman refused, pointing out that at 5 p.m. brandy cannot be bought without a doctor's certificate, and a policeman's testimony as to the need of the brandy was not legal. Silly laws like this must be scrapped.

Gush from Graham Marsh.

It is the practice of Graham Marsh and Co., Ltd., share dealers, of Lincoln House, High Holborn, to quote reputable names in their touting circulars. A few months ago the managing director of W. Barratt and Co., Ltd., of Northampton, found that his company's name was thus being misused, and that Graham Marsh and Co. were suggesting that they had shares for sale. He promptly offered to buy up every one they could produce, and so forced them into the admission that they hadn't any. We congratulate him heartily upon his clever action. Incidentally, these touting "share dealers" now have the brokers in!

50 MORE £5 5s. CHEQUES TO REGISTERED READERS.

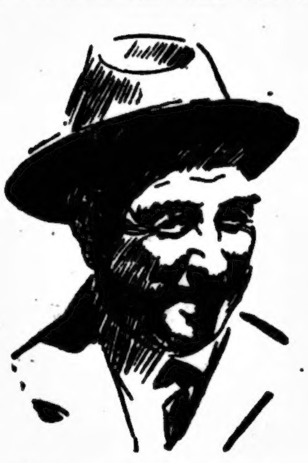
(See page 2.)

Problems of Life

America's Real Idea of Britain

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

WE are hearing so much just now of misunderstandings and misinterpretations as between England and America that a word on the other side may be useful.



"Big Bill Thompson"

Big Bill Thompson's anti-British agitation, with its puerile references to "Johnny Bull's propaganda" and his determination "to make King George keep his snoot out of Chicago," may seem to us to border on lunacy, but, unfortunately, there are people who take it seriously.

Let me, therefore, tell of a kindness shown to me by a man who was a perfect stranger in this same City of Chicago.

It was in the winter of 1911. I was travelling with my family to the Pacific coast, and on the long train journey fell into conversation with a fellow-traveller whose place of business was in Chicago.

I asked him what time we arrived there. "Not till the late afternoon," he replied.

"And the banks will be closed, I suppose?" said I. "Yes," he answered.

"That is awkward for me," I responded, "because I need money to carry us through."

"How much do you want?" he asked.

I told him. I forget the precise amount now, but let us say £50.

HE made no further remark, but after a few minutes rose and went away and presently returned with the full sum in American dollars.

He had collected it from several of his commercial cronies on his personal guarantee, and as he handed it over to me he merely said, "Please write me your cheque for this at the current rate of exchange."

When he saw the signature he asked if I were the London preacher. I said I was, and, shaking hands with me, he said, "Then I am specially glad to have rendered you this little service."

Another little point is perhaps worth mentioning in this connection. I asked, "How do you know that this cheque will be honoured?"

"Well," he answered, "one learns to size men up; and in any case I have never known an Englishman to default."

THERE is some comfort in knowing this in view of the way we have been treated over the war debt. Britain is at least respected for meeting her obligations, which is more than can be said of most countries.

When all is said and done, there are more people of our sort in the United States than in any country outside the British Empire.

American idealism is no humbug either. It is real, and is mainly derived from our common spiritual ancestry. Let nothing persuade us to the contrary, and let us march together in the cause of universal peace.

GREYHOUND RACING: Disquieting Disclosures

A RARE HARE SNARE

Banking Firm's Queer Shares

AS we anticipated, the greyhound-racing boom has already shown numerous imvestors that it does not present an easy road to the promised El Dorado.

One of the concerns we dealt with at a time when the public interest in greyhound racing speculations was at its height was the Southern Canine Racing Stadium (Founders Syndicate), Ltd., of Kingsbury House, St. James' Square, London, S.W.

In an article appearing in our issue of August 27 last year, we reviewed the optimistic literature that was then being widely distributed by the above concern, and strongly urged the public to exercise the utmost discretion in regard to its appeal for funds.

Doubtless our article saved many people from parting with their cash, and our comments were more than justified by the fact that the company crashed heavily after a brief existence of less than six months.

Doggy assets

Recently, in fact, a meeting was convened at the company's headquarters in order that a resolution for the winding-up of its affairs could be passed. This drastic step was taken because the concern, by reason of its liabilities, could not carry on business.

The figures relating to this fiasco are stupendous. No less than £10,179 was received from the public in cash for shares. A third of this amount has been swallowed up in "preliminary expenses," and nearly £1,000 went in directors' fees and salaries.

The only assets the company possessed at the time of its crash consisted of some furniture and four dogs, called "Doety Dear," "Lady Thelma," the "Clinking Duchess" and "Bran."

There was no bran—or even dust—left for the shareholders, who have lost every penny in circumstances which call for the fullest investigation.

And now, before the shock of this crash has subsided, comes news of another ambitious greyhound venture, and as widespread appeals are being made for funds, some guiding comments should again be useful to our readers.

This new concern, which is known as the Greyhound Racing and Breeding Association, Ltd., has been established in Jersey—where company crashes are notorious, and where the British law does not apply—for the purpose of setting up a greyhound-racing track in Paris.

Picturesque prospectus

It is offering millions of shares at a shilling each, but apart from some very optimistic and alluring phrases, its claims are very much "in the air."

The share appeals now being very widely circulated throughout Great Britain are very elaborately drawn up. The opening page, for example, is adorned by a picturesque map of Paris and its outskirts, surmounted by a panoramic picture of three greyhounds in hectic flight.

Clients who require to be further inspired will find overleaf the representation of a surging and enthusiastic crowd at a French race-meeting.

This is all very picturesque, but to anyone versed in the intricacies of financial offers there is a vagueness about certain of the company's printed particulars that at once suggests an element of danger.

Mr. Arthur Stiebel, of the Board of Trade, who has recently severely criticised the New Companies Act Bill

Notorious bank

Huge profits, for instance, are "estimated"; but they are based upon the merest guesswork. And it is by no means certain whether dog-racing will catch on in France to any great extent, or whether it will be anything more than a passing craze.

But the most unsatisfactory aspect of all lies in the fact that the appeals are now being sent out by the company's bankers, who are stated magnificently to be the Banque Anglo-Francaise, 36, Rue Taitbout, Paris.

This has a good sound to the ear and suggests standing and stability, but we are able to state that it is not a bank as we understand the term, but a concern which has earned quite a reputation in financial circles for touting on behalf of dubious "fortune-making" issues.

It is, in fact, "successor" to a company called Cunliffe, Russell and Co., which, until recently, operated from a Paris address, where it became notorious for foisting shares upon ignorant British investors at double the recognised price.

This practice was kept up over a number of years, and much of the stock sold by Cunliffe, Russell and Co. in this way represented little more than worthless gambles, into which subscribers have been ensnared.

Complaints against Cunliffe, Russell and Co., now the Banque Anglo-Francaise, have been numerous for years, and warnings against their operations have appeared in several reputable financial papers.

Another point may be considered by intending investors. Cunliffe, Russell and Co., now the Banque Anglo-Francaise—who appear to have much to answer for in this strange greyhound-racing venture—have lately decided to extend their business to Brussels.

Auditors' disclaimer

There they are operating through a "corresponding house" called Macadam Smith and Company, and people who receive circulars from the latter firm should peruse them warily, as the company has been the subject of complaint during the past year or two in connection with dubious money-making ventures.

The five directors of the Greyhound Racing and Breeding Association include four with English names, but none, curiously enough, with English addresses.

The only English address given is that of the well-known and highly reputable firm of chartered accountants — Messrs. Blackburns, Barton, Mayhew and Co., of Alderman's House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C., whose name appears on the printed matter as "auditors."

We deemed this strange, and at once asked this company if it was aware of the fact, whereupon we were told that its name had been used entirely without authority.

Needless to say, this company strongly disapproves of the scheme and would certainly never have given sanction for its name to appear upon such an appeal.

Impudent exploitation

A representative of Blackburns, Barton and Mayhew has since been kept busy taking up the matter with the offenders and notifying all enquirers that they are in no way associated with the issue.

As a matter of fact, they are not alone in thus being impudently exploited. The name given as chairman of the directors of the Greyhound Racing and Breeding Association, Ltd., is that of Mr. Hubert Burke.

Mr. Burke, who is well-known as the chairman of the Compagnie International Aeronautique and as president of the Sizaire-Berwick Automobile Company, was astonished when we informed him that his name was being so used.

He intimated that he was taken quite by surprise and had, of course, never authorised such use of his name.

It is hardly necessary to say more. The free use of unauthorised names to further its ends stamps this offer of the Greyhound Racing and Breeding Association as one which prudent investors will do well to leave severely alone.

Dry Gas Gush

Hopeful Henry Allen

LIFE has its brighter moments. This week, for instance, has brought us a cheery communication from Henry Allen Ashton, of the London Financial Service.

Now, we have said some severe things about Ashton and his financial activities, but, with unbounded optimism, he persists in the belief that he will one day convince us that he is really a very fine fellow.

A little while ago we felt it our duty to criticise a venture known as the Dry Gas Carburetter (Parent Syndicate), Ltd., in which Ashton was associated with E. W. Wynne, a man whose long string of degrees is the despair of all compositors.

Qualified statements

We refused to take the proposition seriously, and offered the suggestion that Wynne and Ashton would score a hit as cross-talk comedians.

Henry now writes that he is glad to see that our article imputed no dishonesty or malpractices, but apparently he still has hopes that we will change our views regarding the "Dry Gas" gadget.

To this end he not only pens his letter upon the nice new notepaper of the Dry Gas Carburetter (Parent Syndicate), Ltd.—on which, by the way, Wynne's degrees are drastically curtailed—but quotes freely from the report of "a certain engineer."

The "certain engineer" does not strike us as being too certain in reporting on Wynne's invention.

He is satisfied that the carburetter is going to be a success "with a little further adjustment or alteration." Although dead cold, his engine started up and ran on the carburetter "with very little trouble."

He consders this very good indeed, "as it was all theory up to then." That it should have worked at all he considers very encouraging, but adds in the same breath that experiments will be continued, and that it may be necessary to introduce some small additional ideas.

A certain thing

This shows very clearly that the invention of Dr. Wynne is as yet only in its very elementary stages.

Yet in the touting circulars we criticised in our former article there was more than a suggestion that a saving of £500,000,000 would be effected in a year by the universal use of Dr. Wynne's Dry Gas Carburetter.

Now Ashton and Wynne seem to be at loggerheads with the "certain engineer," and Ashton closes his letter with the request that we should not publish any statements that the "certain engineer" may make to us without giving Wynne and Ashton a chance to put forward their defence!

Henry can rest assured that we never publish anything without first considering the other side of the question.

AN AMAZING MATCH FRAUD

THE FLY MR. SCHNEIDER

Traps for Small Traders

Sir Guy Stephenson, Assistant Public Prosecutor, who, when he can spare a moment from his arduous labours, should enquire into this match swindle

CIRCULARS of a most enterprising character have lately emanated from a humble residence in Duncan Terrace, City Road, London, E.C., which is given as the address of a concern called the Globe Import Company.

They have been sent out unsolicited and their mission is to bring to the notice of certain selected shopkeepers an alluring offer to supply impregnated matches direct from the Continent at exceptionally low prices.

Doubtless many shopkeepers in a small way of business have been interested in this offer, not only because the name "Globe Import Company" suggests something universal in scope, but because nowhere else in the country could they hope to effect such an appreciable saving as the circulars imply.

Attractive offer

Every aspect of the offer is attractive, for the quoted prices are actually stated to include insurance charges and cost of delivery.

And the apparent sincerity of the company is indicated by the stipulation that cash must accompany first orders and that future orders can only be accepted on credit if two trade references are supplied.

How can it be done? The most satisfactory answer can be drawn from the experience of a tobacconist who has a small shop in Elgin.

This gentleman received one of the Globe Import Company's circulars in September last, and, attracted by the bargain prices, forwarded £15 2s. 3d. for sixty gross of the Continental matches.

Almost by return of post the Elgin tobacconist received a receipt for his money, together with a promise that the matches would be delivered within fourteen days.

This period expanded into a month, but no matches arrived, and a further communication to the Globe Import Company brought nothing more than a courteous reply, to the effect that the client should hear "definitely" in the course of a week.

Remarkable letter

The company regretted the delay, but protested "we ourselves are in the hands of others."

The further week passed without result, and the struggling tobacconist now began to entertain the fear that the promised matches would not be so cheap after all.

He wrote again to ask what was prolonging the delay, and in reply was favoured with an epistle that was at once illiterate and remarkable.

The gist of this epistle was that it was no pleasure to the Globe Import Company to have to keep its clients in suspense.

It did not manufacture the matches itself and repeated that it was in the hands of others. The client would be notified immediately when the matches came to hand.

The company had now had the Elgin trader's money for two months, but it made no offer to refund it, as any reputable firm would have done in similar circumstances.

It merely concluded by praying for indulgence and giving the assurance that the matter would be arranged amicably!

In spite of this, another month passed, and as the Elgin gentleman was still without satisfaction he wrote to Scotland Yard.

Since then he has tried by all means to obtain fair treatment, but the goods have not been delivered and the company still clings to his money.

An extract from this gentleman's letter to us will serve to show how hard hit he has been:

"I am an old man of seventy-three," he writes. "Being no longer able to follow my trade, I am now in a very small way of business and the loss of £15 is a very serious matter to me. . . . I would go to London to prosecute the firm, but I am not able to bear the expense. . . . Can JOHN BULL help me?"

Now, by way of contrast, let us see what manner of firm it is that conducts its business in such a disgraceful fashion.

The Globe Import Company, we find, is only the trading cloak for a man named Julius Schneider.

For some months Schneider has been operating from his Duncan Terrace address.

It is not surprising, therefore, that numerous complaints have been made about him to the police in various districts by people who have been victimised in the same sort of way as the Elgin tobacconist.

An old hand

Many have lost larger amounts, though, and the Commissioner of Police at Scotland Yard has also received numerous enquiries.

All this does not come as a very great surprise to us, for it is within our knowledge that Mr. Schneider is an old hand at running cheap-match swindles, about which the police have frequently received complaints.

In regard to some of his operations, action has been taken by the police against him.

A year or two ago, for instance, Schneider was arrested and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for obtaining various sums of money by false pretences.

Apart from this sentence Schneider has also been sent to prison on other occasions for fraud, but enforced incarceration does not seem to act as a curb to his persistent roguery.

There is nothing more cruel than filching hard-earned money from small traders in the manner we have shown, and we strongly urge the Public Prosecutor to order an immediate investigation into Schneider's matchless Globe Import Company.

JAIL-BIRD'S QUEER GAME

A BOOMERANG FOR BALSHAW

A WEEK or two ago, we notified our readers of a widespread attempt to induce former "Bullets" prize-winners to part with five-shilling fees in response to vaguely worded promises.

Circular letters were then being sent out broadcast by a concern called Balshaw and Co., of 29, Water Lane, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.

Recipients were given to understand that they had been "called upon" to claim a share in property, the nature of which would be divulged upon payment of five shillings.

The note-heading was got up to convey confidence. Balshaw and Co., apparently, arranged "claims and benefits" and saw to the transfer of "patent shares." Also, the present communication emanated from the firm's "Enquiry Department."

Fortunate move

Fortunately, a large number of our readers lost no time in forwarding these letters on to us, and we in our turn lost no time in making the necessary enquiries and lodging complaints with the landlords of the premises and with the police.

The scheme was nipped in the bud, and, thanks to the smart work of Inspector F. Giles of the City Police, T. Balshaw has been sent to prison for twelve months with hard labour.

No time lost

T. Balshaw is no novice at crime. Although only thirty-two, he has many convictions to his discredit and has been in and out of prison for the past seventeen years.

Amongst the fields exploited by him in the past have been those of warehouse and garage breaking and receiving stolen property. He also has served long "stretches" for stealing motor-cars and motor-cycles.

He came out of jail on ticket-of-leave in January last, after serving all but six months of a three-year sentence for receiving.

And little more than a week had elapsed before he established himself in a City office as Balshaw and Co., to launch the scheme referred to above.

What he omitted

It is significant that he should have drawn up his "mailing-list" from the names and addresses of "Bullets" prize-winners, published from time to time in JOHN BULL.

Doubtless, Balshaw entertained the hope that most of his prospective dupes would form the erroneous conclusion that the "share in property" was somehow connected with a further "Bullets" prize.

But he was careful to select the names of people residing some distance from London in order that there could be no inquisitive callers.

But he was not quite careful enough. Had he paid more attention to the editorial pages of JOHN BULL in preference to the prize-lists, he would have known that it is the paper's policy to keep its readers well posted as to the wiles of rogues.

In selecting JOHN BULL readers as possible dupes for his fee-snatching scheme, he overlooked the fact that he was addressing an enlightened audience.

While he was sitting in his one-roomed office waiting for the five-shilling fees to roll in, his precious circulars were being passed on to us by our readers at such a rate that our files were soon over-flowing!

Co-operation that counts

Let us put it another way. *It is estimated that Balshaw sent out five hundred circulars in his campaign; one in every three was destined to come into our hands within forty-eight hours!*

The co-operation of JOHN BULL and its readers has thus beaten a man with seventeen years' criminal experience!

CLOCKS ON "TICK"

JACOB'S SNAKES AND LADDERS

Keep Your Eye on Ira

BANKRUPTCY seems to be a paying proposition for some. Adjudication as a bankrupt has no terrors. Business is carried on as usual, and the trusting creditors lose—as usual!

MR. IRA JACOB LITHAUER, who formerly operated from an office in Sicilian Avenue, Bloomsbury, but who now boasts premises in Victoria Street, S.W., has been variously described as a director of public companies and as an expert in matters relating to the wireless industry; but during the past year or two many people have been more than disappointed with his efforts.

One of Mr. Lithauer's companies is known as the Gil-Ray Trading Corporation, Ltd., manufacturers and merchants, and it was formed in 1925, with a capital of £2,000.

This corporation was established primarily to deal in wireless accessories and the like, and Mr. Lithauer figured as its managing director.

From bad to worse

It does not appear to have enjoyed a very glorious career, for, within two years of life, it accumulated heavy debts. Most of its shares, we find, were held by a Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour and a Mr. G. A. Anderson.

A few months after the corporation was established, Mr. Anderson provided a further £500 on a debenture, but difficulties later arose and, apparently, Mr. Lithauer's "expert" qualities could not keep the venture from going from bad to worse.

In order to weather the impending storm, the Gil-Ray Trading Corporation installed a stand at the Manchester Wireless Exhibition; but things did not turn out as anticipated, and the exhibition authorities refused to permit the corporation's stock to be taken away!

Mr. Anderson, realising that the money invested by himself and Mr. Gilmour was at stake, appointed a receiver, and the concern went into voluntary liquidation, with liabilities of £2,023.

The total deficiency, including shareholders, was no less than £3,525, against which the assets of the company yielded only £180! This was swallowed up by preferential claims, thus leaving nothing for the unsecured creditors.

Such, briefly, is the record of the Gil-Ray Trading Corporation, Ltd. Let us now consider the financial record of Mr. Lithauer himself, who, as we say, was its managing director.

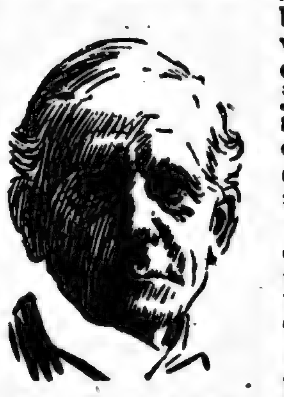
Broken promises

A year or two ago, when he was living in Aubrey House, Maida Vale, he had an office at 27, Chancery Lane, where he dealt in various articles, such as cheap clocks. His operations there spelt disaster for many.

One firm, for instance, trading as forwarding agents in the city, was asked by Lithauer to bring several cases of clocks over from France.

Lithauer's instructions were duly carried out, and the clocks were shipped at Calais and imported by the agents at Newhaven. The transaction was one based upon strictly cash terms.

The goods were delivered, but the charges were never met. After much delay—during which time Lithauer made and broke many promises—the firm sued Lithauer, obtaining judgment against him.


Mr. H. E. Burgess, Senior Official Receiver

Even then he did not pay. Refusing to be beaten in this way, the firm enforced its judgment; but still Lithauer could not or did not foot the bill.

Lithauer was consequently forced into bankrupty. This was more than three years ago, not long before the Gil-Ray Trading Corporation came into being.

To this day Lithauer has not obtained his discharge from the former bankruptcy; nor have his creditors received anything from his estate; there is nothing there.

Who is right?

On the occasion of this previous bankruptcy the liabilities were no less than £5,216, and against this sum the assets totalled £22!

Now he is bankrupt again, having been adjudicated as recently as November last.

There is a firm of garage proprietors in the West End of London which claims that it did not know of Lithauer's first bankruptcy, and that, owing to its ignorance, it was induced to give credit.

This firm obtained a judgment against Lithauer for more than £40 due for motor-hire.

Lithauer explains that this only occurred because, although he got leave to defend the claim in court, he was not told by his solicitors, who removed from their address, when the action was due to be heard.

So the judgment, which still stands, was obtained against him by default.

The debt, he avers, was not a personal one, but contracted on behalf of the Gil-Ray concern.

The garage creditor, however, adheres rigidly to the fact that he had no idea that Lithauer was an undischarged bankrupt.

In any case, one fact emerges very clearly from these tangled affairs. Mr. Lithauer's financial record is not one to inspire confidence.

DO NOT TRUST HER!

THE TWISTED CRYSTAL

A £100 Spook

THE claims of fortune-tellers are really astounding, so astounding that it might be supposed no one would believe them. But there are people who do, and therein lies a very serious danger

A LITTLE while back a striking, dark-haired woman descended upon the cathedral town of Ely, and proceeded to arouse considerable local interest.

She was accorded considerable publicity as the "original Gipsy Lee from Blackpool," and placards announced that she was destined to give advice on health, business and personal affairs in return for various fees.

Amongst the many people impressed by these claims was a local railway employé, who, by exercising the greatest thrift, had accumulated a comfortable little sum of money as a nest-egg for the future.

Curiosity visit

This man paid a visit to Gipsy Lee out of mere curiosity in the first instance. He thought that it would be interesting to test her advertised powers by asking her vaguely for her opinion regarding a certain step he was thinking of taking in the near future.

Gipsy Lee rose to the occasion and told him precisely what his mind had been dwelling upon, by suggesting that he had long cherished a burning desire to open a business of his own with his savings.

She appeared to know so much, and many of the things she mentioned were so close to the truth, that the man found himself gaining considerable faith in her crystal-gazing abilities.

When it came to the question of advice, Gipsy Lee informed the man that, having had no previous business experience whatever, he must be very careful indeed in selecting a safe field for his future endeavours.

The man admitted that that point had worried him a great deal, and madame promptly suggested that she could help him to solve his problem.

A further appointment was made and, considerably impressed, the man took his wife with him.

Astounding claims

Gipsy Lee dwelt at first upon the occult services she rendered to lords and dukes, and implied that she could put her present client on the road to a sound business career if he would place himself in her hands.

Now, Gipsy Lee is known extensively as a subtle woman, and the fact that her subtlety stood her in good stead at this interview will be clearly seen when we say that the most astounding claims were subsequently accepted by her client without question, simply because she had succeeded in imbuing him with implicit belief in her occult powers.

She next produced a wad of notes and explained with a flourish that this would show that she was in no need of funds. But, she added, if she attempted to extract future omens from her own money the results would be influenced by her own destiny.

The ideal, therefore, could only be attained by the occult use of cash which belonged exclusively to her client and would thus relate to his own fate.

Spellbound client

This point had been led up to so naturally and with such earnestness that the man handed over £5, fully believing her when she confided that she had handled thousands of pounds from time to time for manipulation in similar circumstances.

This money, minus a fee of one guinea, was to be returned later, together with the advice that was to be procured by her, after she had concentrated upon his future problems.

After this Gipsy Lee saw the man on several occasions and, reporting that things were going nicely, and that she hoped to be of great assistance to him, succeeded in persuading him to lend her further substantial sums for her occult experiments.

Drawn completely under her spell, the client thus advanced more than £100.

But the sorry thing is that a year has passed since the advice was finally due.

The man is still in the dark as to his future and, in addition, has no knowledge of the whereabouts of Gipsy Lee or his savings.

All efforts to trace the missing necromancer have failed and anxious letters to various addresses have been returned marked "Gone away."

Dangerous woman

But we are not surprised that "the original Gipsy Lee" remains elusive, as it is within our knowledge that she recently escaped from the police at Leicester in most extraordinary circumstances.

She was arrested there for professing to tell fortunes, and, being granted bail, absconded and failed to reappear when the subsequent police-court hearing was due to come on. Her bail was estreated and a warrant issued for her arrest.

Gipsy Lee does not always attend travelling exhibitions. Often she takes apartments in provincial towns, and advertises in the local papers offering to give daily "consultations."

It is significant that she finds it convenient to change her name with a certain frequency, passing variously as Gipsy Leah, Madame Le Roy and Madame Carmen.

From these facts it will be understood that she is a most dangerous woman, whose influence over simple-minded folk is calculated to cause considerable harm, and it is in the public interest that her activities should receive a lasting check.

SOLDIERS' HOME'S STRANGE METHODS

FLOUTING A SERIOUS LAW

The Last Thing Grabbed

THE other day we received a visit from a man who was out of work, and, having a wife and four children to support, he was in straitened circumstances.

He stated that he was an ex-Service man, but could not produce his discharge papers, having tendered them as security for a night's lodging several months previously.

We asked him who had thus taken the irregular step of relieving him of the sole remaining assets likely to prove useful to him in his desperate search for work, and were astonished when he explained that they had been taken by an official of the London Soldiers' Home, at 66, Buckingham Gate.

Astounding practice

Now, one would imagine that an organisation professing to cater for the needs of members of the Services would be the first to realise that a man deprived of his Army credentials may be severely handicapped when it comes to seeking for work.

But on communicating with the London Soldiers' Home, we found that the man's story was perfectly correct.

As a result of our intervention, his papers have now been returned to him, but a full investigation of the facts, thus brought to our notice by the merest chance, reveals a state of affairs on which some publicity should be shed.

It seems to be a fairly common practice with this particular hostel to exact security in this way from any unfortunate job-seeker whose reduced circumstances make it impossible for him to produce the requisite fee for a night's lodging.

We understand from Mr. Howard, secretary of the Ex-Service Welfare Association, that more than one complaint has arisen in consequence.

Several cases have come to our notice, too, which may well be cited to illustrate the evils arising out of such a system.

One is that of a man who was discharged from a Highland regiment in 1923 with a 30 per cent. disability pension. While searching for work, he obtained temporary shelter at the London Soldiers' Home and relinquished his pension-book as security.

His search for work proving fruitless, this man was eventually forced to borrow money from a comrade to redeem his book. Had he been unable to raise this money he could not have drawn his pension.

In another instance an ex-Guardsman, temporarily in reduced circumstances, deposited his papers, without thought of the possible consequences, and though he thus gained a lodging he complains that he lost a job soon afterwards through being unable to produce his credentials!

Making it pay

Before making any comment upon these matters, let us consider the point of view entertained by those who conduct this particular hostel.

Originally, the London Soldiers' Home, as its name implies, catered only for men actually in the Service.

Apparently, however, it was found that this was not a paying proposition and it was thrown open to employed civilians and ex-Service men sent there by a philanthropic society, which, of course, guaranteed the expenses incurred by its nominees.

The home itself, though, is not regarded as a philanthropic institution, so when destitute men apply for a night's shelter they are expected to pay or, as an alternative, to lodge security of the nature indicated.

Practice to abandon

It may possibly be argued that it is open to an ex-Service man who has thus parted with his Army credentials to put a prospective employer in touch with the officials of the London Soldiers' Home, who would doubtless be willing to confirm his statements.

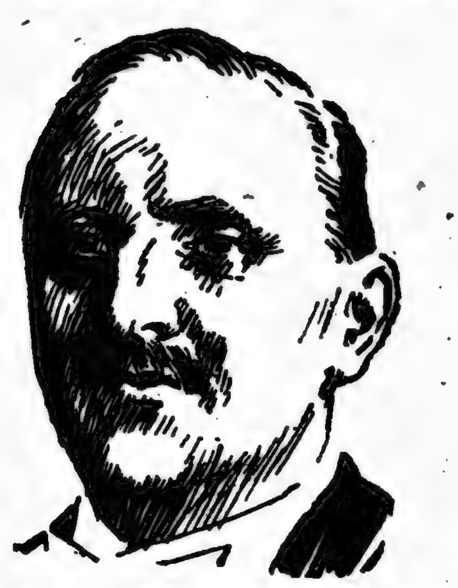
But a moment's reflection should convince anyone that few men in applying for work would care to reveal to their prospective employer that they are utterly destitute.

Indeed, in many cases—notwithstanding the accepted saying that "poverty is no disgrace"—such an admission would damn a man's chances for ever.

On the other hand, it would have to be an exceptionally indulgent employer who, when considering a number of applications, would take the trouble to enter into correspondence with a soldiers' home in order to ascertain whether one of the applicants was all that he claimed to be.

It is hardly necessary here to enlarge upon the various evils attending such a practice, but it should be noted that these evils are not lost upon the authorities, who have made most exacting provision against them in the Army Act.

It is therein laid down, without any possibility of misconception, that it is an offence for any person to receive or to detain any certificate or official document as security for a debt.



Mr. E. Howard, Secretary of the Ex-Service Welfare Society, who has received complaints from ex-Service men sent to the London Soldiers' Home

Indeed, reference to this particular section of the Act is usually recorded on all the military documents to which it applies, together with an abbreviated extract and a note of the penalties—£20 fine for a first offence and a like penalty or six months' imprisonment for a second offence.

It will be seen, therefore, that, apart from penalising the men whose papers it takes as security, the London Soldiers' Home is clearly a serious offender under the Army Act.

The defence that it is not a philanthropic institution is no defence at all, and we trust that it will now abandon its lamentable practice.

It should adhere strictly to its avowed objects and leave the welfare of down-and-out job-seekers to organisations that minister to the needs of their less fortunate fellows on more philanthropic lines.

Woolf's Winning Ways

Two Years of Tall Talk

VARIOUS readers have complained to us from time to time concerning the unsatisfactory business methods of S. Woolf, "Wholesale and Retail Wardrobe Dealer," of 95, Clapham Road, S.W.

Their stories offer little in the way of variety. They have sent money to S. Woolf in the expectation of receiving certain goods, and their expectation has not always been realised.

The most flagrant case of this sort to be brought to our notice is afforded by the bitter experience of a north country reader who placed an order with S. Woolf nearly two years ago, sending her money in advance.

Blaming the strike

After a certain amount of delay, S. Woolf came forward with the not altogether original excuse that the general strike had temporarily affected business.

The customer waited as patiently as possible, but "illness and financial losses" next held up the transaction!

When a year had almost elapsed, a small portion of our reader's order was completed, but a balance amounting to £2 5s. 6d. was still left outstanding.

Worthless promises.

Towards the end of 1927 "depression of trade" was the new catch-phrase put forward by S. Woolf, but the customer was assured that she would receive either her goods or her money without fail in the course of another week.

Those cheering words were penned by S. Woolf on December 6 last, but our reader is still waiting.

The truth is that all the correspondence emanating from S. Woolf is full of excuses of one sort or another, and such expressions as "without fail" or "as soon as possible" are generously lavished upon pressing customers with small evidence of subsequent fulfilment.

A Bountiful Reader

Practical Sympathy Displayed

A FEW weeks ago we told the tragic story of the forlorn pilgrimage undertaken by William Fuller and his twenty-year-old wife, who tramped half across two counties in search of work.

Their sorrows were crowned by the death of their young baby, and their future outlook appeared bleak indeed.

But a kindly JOHN BULL reader, Mr. J. C. Hedges, builder and contractor, of Chandlers Ford, Hants, saw our article and immediately showed practical sympathy.

Found in a shed

He wrote to say that if Fuller had not yet found employment he himself would offer him work as a carter, with free living accommodation.

We were able to trace Fuller and his wife, who, in their bitter extremity, had been forced to take refuge in a farm shed near Bury St. Edmunds.

They were overjoyed at the offer and bravely set off to tramp to Chandlers Ford; but after all she had passed through, young Mrs. Fuller was unequal to the strain.

Fine testimony

Fuller was in a quandary, but Mr. Hedges generously solved his difficulties by forwarding a sum of £2 by wire to cover the fares of both husband and wife.

This human little story is best rounded off with brief extracts from two letters that have now reached us.

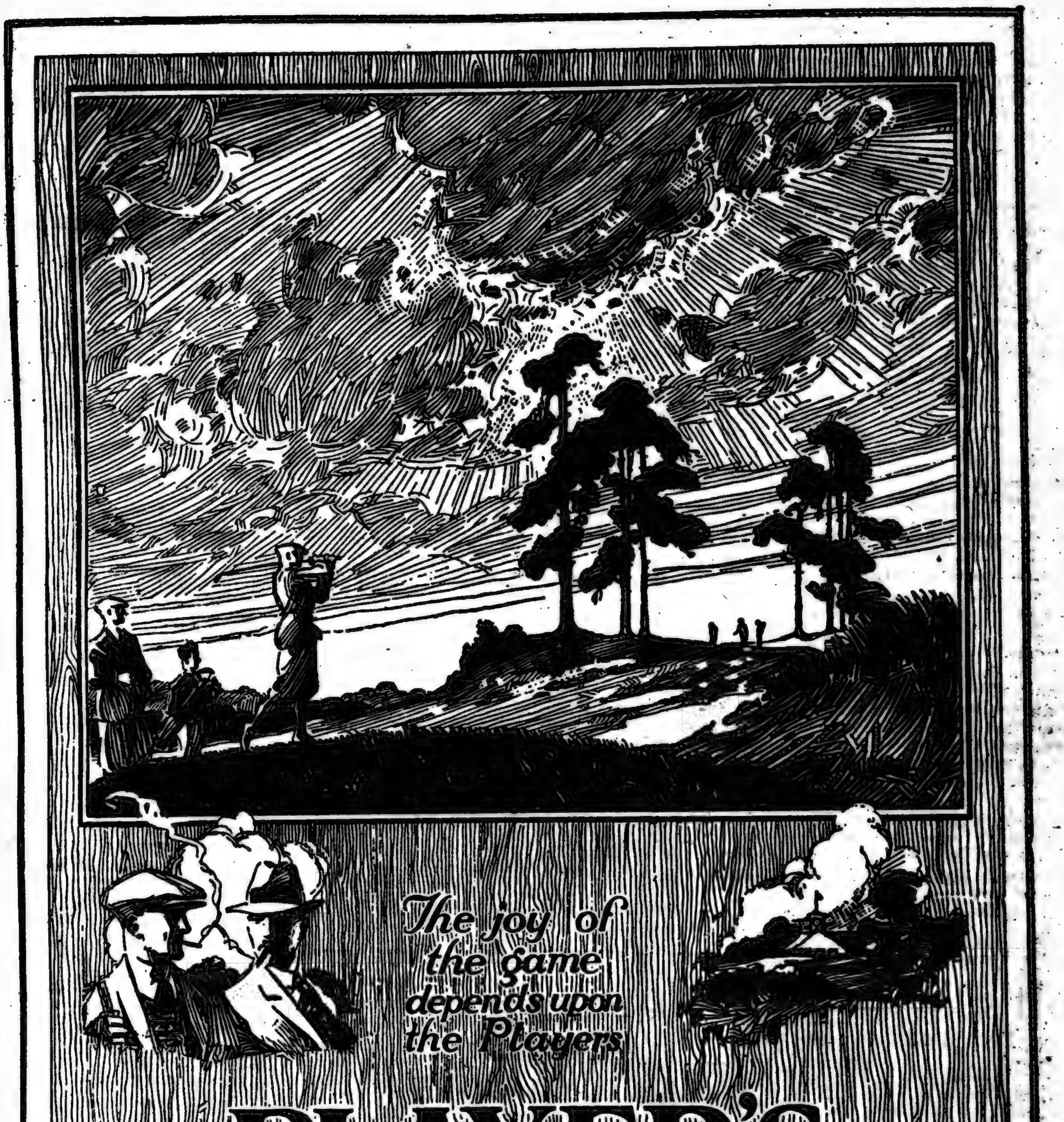
The first is from Fuller himself, and runs:

"I tender my sincere thanks to JOHN BULL and its staff. After the assistance it has given me I shall become a regular reader."

The other is from Mr. Hedges, who writes:

"Fuller started work for me on Monday morning. I am pleased to say I have found him a good and willing worker."

All our readers will join us in tendering thanks to Mr. Hedges for his generous sympathy.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NO problem of recent times has proved so baffling as that of slum clearance. Far too long it has been neglected. Yet while the slums remain they prove a blot on civilisation. It is the duty of all Parties to aid in their removal

Pass the Dynamite!

by The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN TUDOR WALTERS, F.S.I.

The Rt. Hon. Sir John Tudor Walters, F.S.I., formerly Chairman of the Committee on Housing

THE million houses foreshadowed in the report of the Housing Committee in 1918 as being necessary to make good the shortage of houses have now been built. This, of course, does not mean that every part of the country is now adequately supplied with houses, but it does mean that, broadly speaking, the most acute phase of the shortage has passed.

There are, however, still districts in which new developments of industry have set up an urgent demand for additional houses, and there are also, unfortunately, some parts of the country where the local authorities have been supine and the supply still falls far short of the demand.

It must be remembered that something like one hundred thousand working-class houses are needed each year to meet the normal increase of population and to take the place of houses demolished for business premises and for slum clearances.

The houses needed

The real difficulty of the present situation, however, is that while so many nominally working-class houses have been built, the rents for them are quite beyond the purse of any but the well-paid workman, and there are so very many workmen in need of houses who are not well paid.

The standard of housing which was adopted for post-war building was, and rightly, very much higher than anything which had existed before, and the fact that the cost of building has climbed so enormously means that rents are also high.

What seems to be lost sight of, even by some housing reformers, is that there is a very large population in this country of people who have to live on low and often irregular earnings.

It is hopeless to expect such people to pay the rent demanded for a modern working-class dwelling, and it is a fact that they do not usually require, or even desire, the accommodation provided by these houses.

Consequently we have not merely a continuance, but an aggravation, of the overcrowding into very old houses and slum areas of a large population; and the result is that whole families have to live in perhaps two rooms, or even, and often, into one.

It is better, therefore, to face the facts, and to realise that two or three and four roomed dwellings, not expensively fitted, destitute of some of the amenities which the modern council house provides, but with adequate air space, sunlight and sanitary conveniences, constitute the most urgent housing demand of the moment.

Some of the great cities are making useful contributions in this direction by the clearance of slum areas and the building of blocks of artisan dwellings, but this is a slow and costly process.

Practical possibilities

The present Minister of Health, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who has done much admirable housing work, is understood to be framing a policy for dealing with this problem of the slums, and there is reason to believe that his mind is moving in the direction of an attempt to reconstruct the old inhabited areas where the houses are in a transitional state between possible dwellings and slums. Here there is a fruitful field for further enquiry.

If anyone possessing a little imagination will make a tour of inspection of the older quarters of the town in which he lives, he is sure to be impressed with the possibilities of useful work along these lines—the pulling down of a few houses which obstruct light and air, the conversion, possibly, of three houses into two, the provision of sanitary conveniences, the doing up of the fabric, and other work which would transform a district rapidly degenerating to slumdom into convenient and sanitary accommodation of two, three and four rooms which could be let at a moderate rental.

Concerted action necessary

There are to be found, in most of our towns and cities, large houses, sometimes derelict, generally very dilapidated, in which single rooms with slender sanitary conveniences are occupied by whole families, and the rooms are usually let at most exorbitant rentals. These ought to be reconstructed as habitable tenements at rents representing something like their real value.

Many difficulties, however, stand in the way. There are ground landlords, covenants and local bylaws, which, however excellent for the control of new buildings, make the adaptation of old buildings on the lines indicated impossible as yet.

Then there is the difficulty of the many individual owners, some of whom will willingly co-operate, but others of whom cannot or will not join in such schemes.

These difficulties make it quite clear that it is only by concerted action, with the co-operation of the Government, local authorities and property-owners, that such work can be carried out.

Perhaps such concerted action will be forthcoming, but Mr. Chamberlain has a great task before him in framing a workable scheme and securing the necessary Parliamentary powers.

Housing and slum clearance ought *not* to be Party questions, and it is only necessary for enlightened public opinion to be roused to secure for any Government that will tackle the problem a quite adequate measure of support.

Valuable work

The housing problem has to be approached from many points and along many avenues. Local authorities have done and are doing valuable work, and private enterprise continues to result in a very considerable provision of new houses.

The newest departure is the work of the Industrial Housing Association, Ltd., which is probably the first large co-operative society, membership of which is confined to employers of labour.

This association has, during the past five years, provided 12,000 houses for miners and other colliery employees, chiefly in new coalfields in Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. The houses are planned along the most modern lines, and are situated in garden villages.

The contrast between these villages, with their tastefully designed houses, open spaces, children's playgrounds, sports fields, and so on, as compared with the dreary, monotonous, ill-planned mining villages of the past, is very striking, and must have an important influence on the health and the happiness of the children.

The co-operation of large employers of labour presents considerable advantages in the raising of capital, and by it it is possible to obtain much more advantageous terms than any single industrial company, however powerful, can obtain.

The advantages of building on a large scale with a staff of competent experts overlooking the entire scheme are great, both in prices at which materials can be purchased and in the organisation of the labour required in building, and this organisation enables a very large output to be reached and an economy in expenditure achieved.

This principle of the co-operation of large employers of labour to build houses for their workpeople could, with great advantage to the community, be extended to the other large industries, and by these means a standard of housing could be provided, *at moderate rentals*, far superior to anything which can be obtained by individual firms or by ordinary private enterprise.

A long job

There will always be an important part of housing provision which must fall upon local authorities, but if houses for working people who can pay a fair rent are provided by co-operative enterprises of various kinds and by private enterprise, the local authorities would then be able to concentrate their energies on that aspect of the housing problem which presents no inducements to private enterprise—that of providing for the unfortunate section of the population who have to depend on low wages and irregular employment.

This work, coupled with a serious attempt to abolish the scandal of the slums, is sufficient to tax the resources of the local authorities for many years to come.

Human beings have a natural propensity to imagine, when confronted with social ills, that there is some universal remedy which, applied, will cure them all. Special diseases, unfortunately, like diseases of the body, require careful diagnosis, and the remedy must conform with the diagnosis.

Success and failure

So far as the social evil we call the "housing problem" is concerned, it is only by patient investigation, many experiments, some of which must needs be partial failures, and the learning of the lessons taught by the experiments that a wise and comprehensive housing policy can be secured.

I have taken a close interest in housing for upwards of a quarter of a century, and I have been alternately gladdened and saddened by the successes and failures of the various attempts to deal with the problem.

It seems that, at long last, we are finding firm ground for our feet, and if the various housing experiences of the past few years can be pooled there is a reasonable hope that we may one day secure the housing of the people of these islands under healthy and comfortable conditions.

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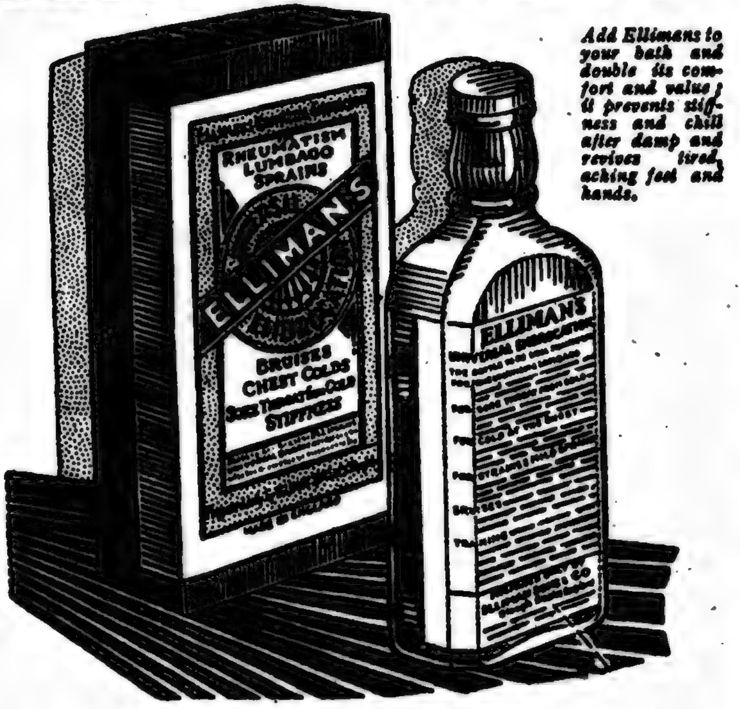

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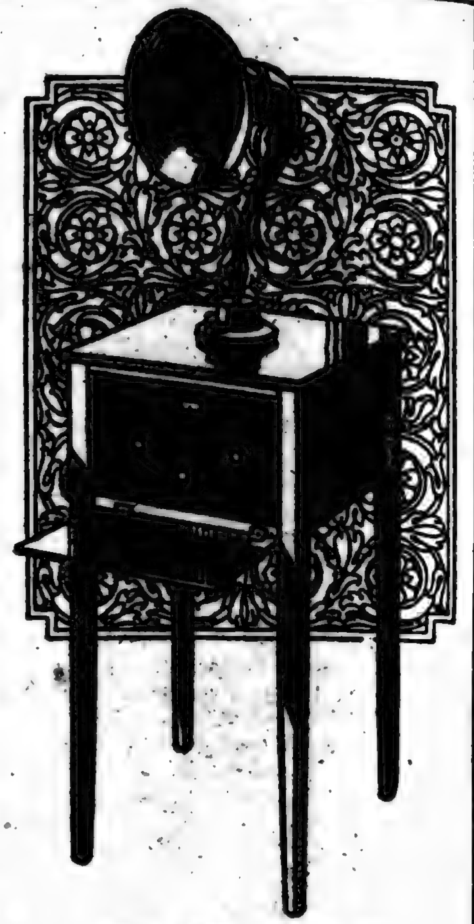

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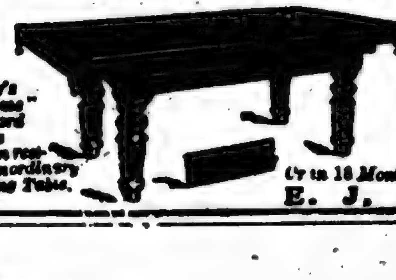

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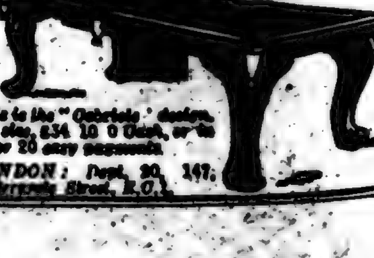

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To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P.,
10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—I am aghast at the slimness of your spring programme. Not only is there a complete absence of intention to tackle outstanding problems, but there is no hint that the Cabinet is even aware that such exist. In the face of the prevalent unemployment, destitution and frightful stagnation in the coal-fields, it is not only amazing, but preposterous. If your performance is no better than your promise you may say "Good-bye" to any hopes of renewed office. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir A. STEEL-MAITLAND, M.P.,
Minister of Labour.

DEAR SIR,—I have looked in vain for any move from the Ministry most responsible to end unemployment. Why not work in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and do something to improve the shocking condition of British land. It is water-logged, wet, soft and oozing, simply because for years it has been undrained. Set thousands of unemployed to work upon it and kill two birds with one stone. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER, M.P.,
President, Board of Trade.

DEAR SIR,—Pointing out to Kilmarnock electors that 1,160,000 more people are at work in this country than five years ago, you asked, "Could Russia say the same?" Well, in 1921 workers in Soviet industries numbered under 1,000,000, and now they total 2,500,000. If Ministers of the Crown could report better progress in their own Departments they would not need to trail red herrings by asking silly questions. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. L. S. AMERY, M.P.,
Secretary for the Colonies.

DEAR SIR,—On what authority do you assure your Canadian hearers that "a great advance is coming in this country in the matter of Protection"? Granted that you are recognised as the High Priest of Imperialism, such prophesies do not please even your own Party. Leaders know the country's temper too well to be stampeded into another "Protection election." JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir DOUGLAS HOGG, K.C., M.P.,
Attorney-General.

DEAR SIR,—Since it is the duty of the law officers to advise as to the wording of statutes, I submit that they perform the function very badly. Even the courts differ as to the correct reading of the Rent Acts. Either the Department's technical knowledge is weak or its command of English is negligible. Or can it be that somebody is anxious to provide work for the lawyers? JOHN BULL.

To VISCOUNT KNUTSFORD,
Chairman, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

MY LORD,—Your interest in the work of healing the sick does not abate and I truly hope your vigour, five years hence, will enable you to repeat the appeal for funds you have just made. Humanity cannot afford to have the great work of the London Hospital crippled for lack of funds. At seventy-three years of age, you have shown us one of the secrets of how to keep young. It is always to think of others first. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. LORD PARMOOR, K.C.V.O.,
Wilton Crescent, S.W.

MY LORD,—That a high standard of wages is sound economics, in that it increases the purchasing power of the people and enlarges the demand for produce of all kind, is so obvious that I marvel it needs repetition. We are, as you say, far too prone to consider the question of wages in connection solely with cost of production, a short-sighted policy which has led us down many an industrial *cul-de-sac*. The large view is the only sane view. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. LORD HUGH CECIL,
Arlington Street, S.W.

MY LORD,—Your claim that things spiritual should not be determined by Parliament, and your advice to High Churchmen to ignore the ruling of the House of Commons, would be logical only if applied to a disestablished Church. A State-subsidised religion must of necessity bow to the will of the elected representatives of the people. In common honesty you, and those who think with you, should press for disestablishment. JOHN BULL.

To the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE FINLAY,
Chairman, Committee on Legal Aid for the Poor.

MY LORD,—I welcome your condemnation of individual solicitors and legal societies whose main business consists in taking up accident cases in return for a percentage of any sum recovered. In the main, they are rapacious sharks who batten on the poorest of the poor, and the reputable members of an honourable profession would be thankful to see the end of them. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. G. C. VYLE,
President, Assoc. British Chambers of Commerce.

DEAR SIR,—Your opinion that the restoration of the penny post would give a much-needed fillip to trade at a critical time is based on sound knowledge of commercial conditions. It is amazing that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has not already seen his way to listen to the representations of men like yourself and the Postmaster-General. Pressure must be brought to bear upon him. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. J. A. R. CAIRNS,
Magistrate, Thames Police Court.

DEAR SIR,—When three young men were charged before you with disorderly conduct in a Limehouse restaurant, a policeman described the occurrence as "a kind of rag." "Leave that sort of business to University men in the West End theatres," you advised the prisoners. If our wealthy young hooligans don't mend their ways after so contemptuous a rebuke they are beyond hope. JOHN BULL.

To The HOUSEHOLDERS,
Dacres Road and Bampton Road, Forest Hill.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Sixty of you are objecting to the L.C.C. proposal to build a school in your near neighbourhood on the grounds that the noise of the children will disturb your peace. The welfare of posterity is an infinitely greater thing than your personal comfort, and I trust your selfishness will receive the snub it so richly deserves. Perhaps you would like us to stop the world while you have a nap? JOHN BULL.

To The FINANCE COMMITTEE,
Newbury District Council.

GENTLEMEN,—Your proposal to reduce by 6s. per week the wages of all roadmen who become entitled to the old-age pension is mean and contemptible. The Act was not passed as a subsidy to wages, but as a first acknowledgment of life-long service to the State. All honour to those councillors who are vigorously opposing you. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. CHURCHILL: "I am bearing up fairly well."

It is evidently easier to bear up under other men's misfortunes than to devote time and energy and skill to mending them.

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SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER: "Capital can only come by thrift and saving."

On the contrary, capital is produced by work, and jolly hard work at that.

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PRESIDENT COOLIDGE: "History is littered with stories of nations destroyed by their own wealth."

Because selfishness handled it and stupidity poured it out for aggressive and ignoble ends.

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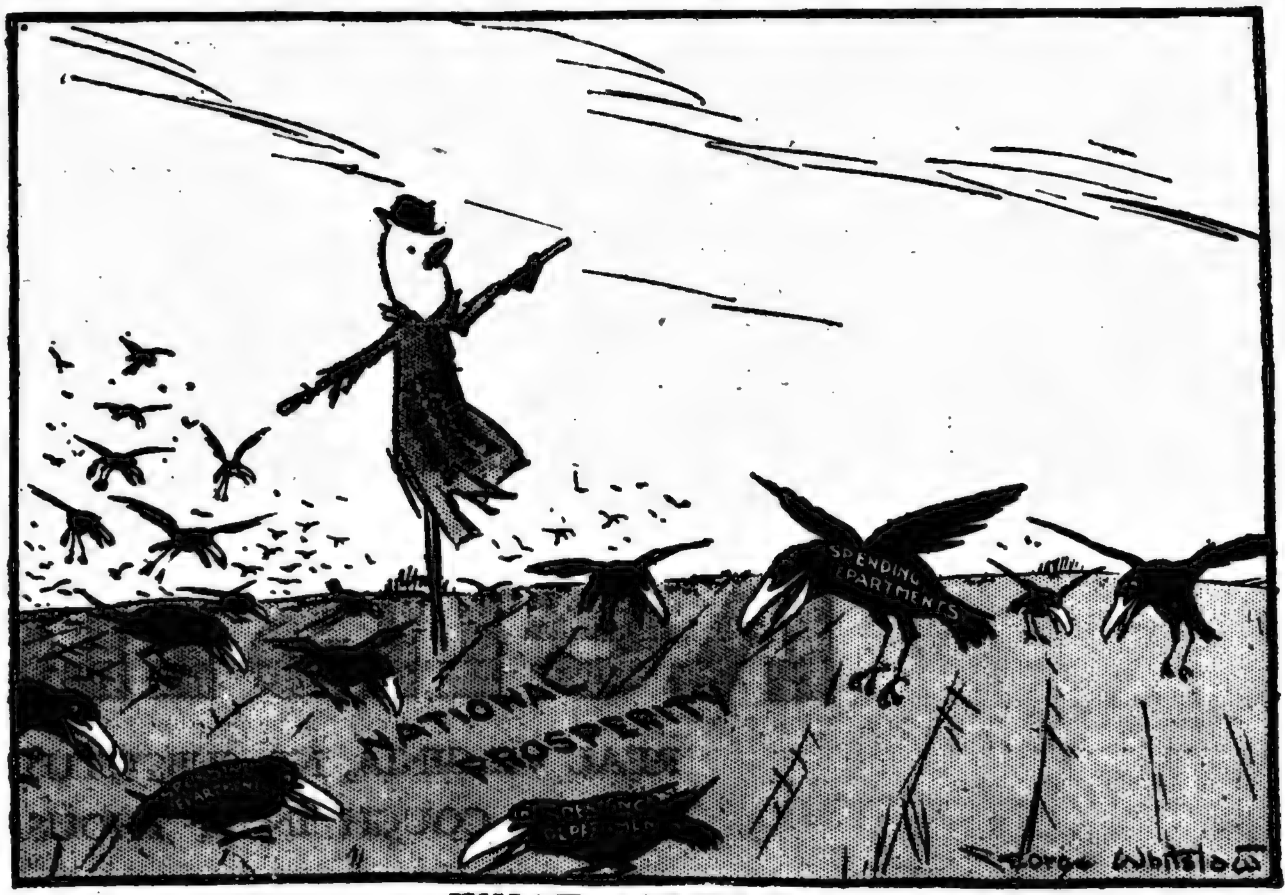
COLONEL MANNING: "It is not the boy from the country districts but the boy from large towns that makes the best farmer and settler."

Then something is sadly wrong with conditions that so terribly handicap the country boy.



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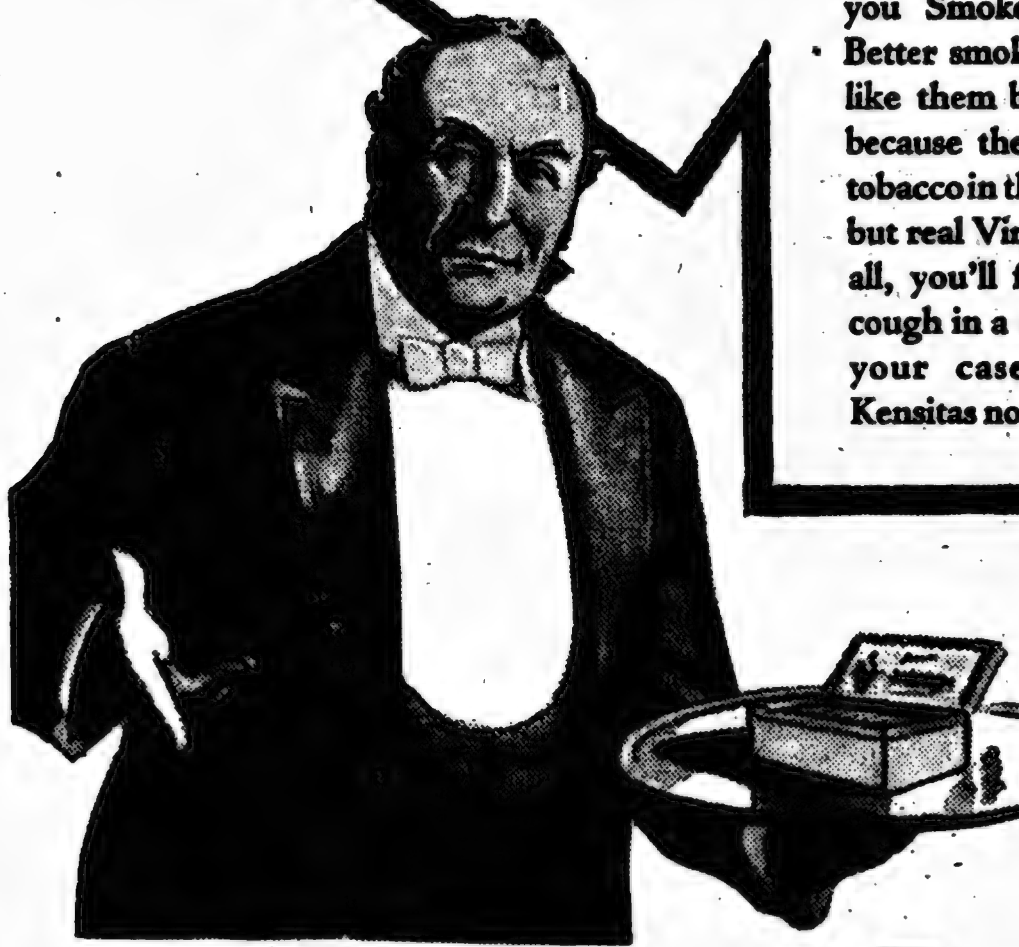

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Farce and Fiddlesticks

THE so-called "King's Speech" with which Parliament opened puts the coping-stone on the edifice of ineptitude, apathy and futility which has distinguished the present Government.

It makes us wonder, in fact, if it is not time that the empty formality of calling it the "King's" Speech should not be scrapped. Everybody knows that it is not the King's Speech. Everybody knows that it is a speech written by the King's Ministers, and His Majesty merely recites what he is asked to recite.

It is hardly fair to the King to have to recite such a piece of empty platitude when it is not his responsibility. It would be far more honest to put it into the mouth of the man to whom it belongs and let Mr. Baldwin utter his own platitudes.

In 1924 every effort was to be made to achieve drastic economy. To-day even the very word "economy" is left out of the Government's proposals.

The Government has apparently given up the problem of unemployment as insoluble. At any rate, there is not one word in its proposals about this, and to read the Speech one might imagine that the million odd unemployed had miraculously vanished over-night.

ONE might imagine also, if one were peculiarly innocent and guileless, that in some miraculous fashion the incredible mess of the coal-fields had righted itself during the last Parliamentary holiday. At any rate, there is not a word in the Government's proposals to indicate that the appalling desolation and chaos in most of our coal-fields is going to receive even a moment's consideration from Cabinet or Parliament.

And so we could go on. Beyond the fact that the doubtful privilege of voting is to be extended to women of twenty-one, there is not a single thing in the Government's proposals that merits any consideration by those anxious for the restoration of prosperity and a renewal of the country's lost welfare.

Just listen to this: "Although the condition of affairs in some of the principal industries continues to give cause for serious anxiety, I am glad to observe that in the general state of trade and industry there are many encouraging signs of progressive improvement in both our home and external trade which justify the hope that with co-operation and good will steady progress will be made in the coming year."

Give peace in our time, O Lord!—but not a word as to how the peace is to be attained. The same pious hope, the same pious platitudes, the same empty, ineffective verbiage!

YOU cannot bring back prosperity to a country by merely hoping that conditions will improve. You cannot bring food into starving homes and work to unemployed men by merely wishing that relations between employers and employed may continue to improve.

You cannot do anything unless you seriously set about the job in a statesmanlike manner, set about it with concrete, practical proposals from which all Party animus, Party jealousy and Party strife have been eliminated, and into which has been put not only the good will but the brains of every Member of the House of Commons.

Neither can you expect to regain a fast waning confidence for your Government if you refuse to tackle the acute problems of the factories and the land, and the burden of taxation; if you prefer to give Parliament, in effect, an additional holiday to remedying the crying evils that abound on every hand.

The people are becoming increasingly aware of the fact that their Members are not even pretending to earn the £400 a year which the taxpayer has to find to enable them to play their Parliamentary games.

They are weary of all these Playboys of the West-end World, and there will be a sad awakening for most of them when next they are forced to ask for their salaries to be renewed.

LOOK BEFORE YOU SIGN!

Your Own Home—Perhaps

IT is an irritating instance of "superiority" when charges of "unthriftiness" are levelled against the working-classes of this country. The truth is that, as a nation, we are thrifty. Thrift, in the form of careful forethought for the future, is a characteristic of the British working-man.

This applies especially to our ingrained love of acquiring "a home of our own," and it is all the more painful when advantage is taken of ignorance of the legal aspects of the case.

That working men are often robbed of their life savings by unscrupulous companies is all too evident from the letters of those readers who are constantly giving us their confidence.

House-property companies are legitimate undertakings, but care is needed to make sure that the regulations of some of them are not heavily weighted in favour of their own pockets and against the would-be house-owner.

It seems a good proposition to make the rent, by paying a little more each week, do double duty in securing a present roof and a permanent home at some time. Trouble comes when payments fail, and the house is sold over the occupier's head for any sum owing.

Thus, a man of forty years of age should seriously reflect whether he can keep up payments to the age of sixty-five or seventy.

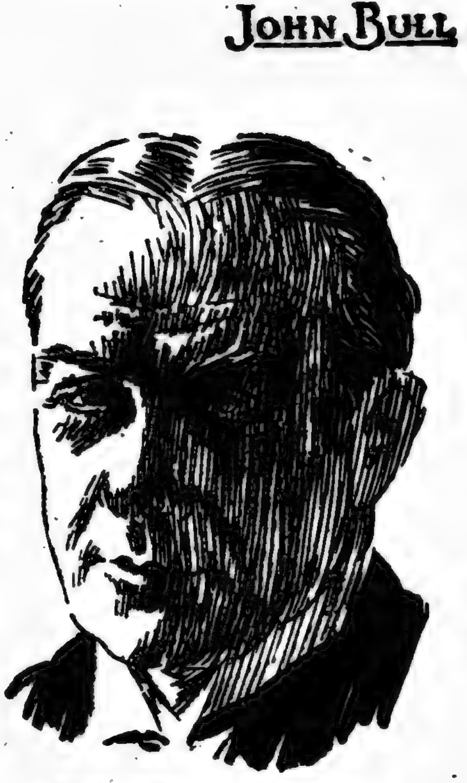
Here is a typical instance. A reader paid monthly subscriptions for two years, amounting to over £30. His wage dropped and he could not continue. He asked his company what they would give for his policy, and they replied that it was worth nothing!

Such tactics seem to amount to nothing more or less than legal fraud. It is not possible to "guarantee" capital as some victims suggest, but holders of policies should be entitled to a surrender value at any time, and this should be worth more than the usual 5s. or 6s. in the pound.

Again, many people get a great shock when they receive an advance to buy a house to discover they must pay interest on the money. It is incredible they should believe that companies are in business out of philanthropic motives, yet they do.

House buying is a business proposition. If money is borrowed, interest must be paid. The trouble is that people ignorant of business sign agreements which the unscrupulous do not trouble to explain.

We cannot ward off tragedy in such cases. We can only reiterate our constantly proffered advice. Where agreements are to be signed, examine and understand every word *first*.



The Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Prime Minister

TURF HUTS

Terrible Facts

WE have waited, in vain, for public action to follow the dreadful story of housing in the Hebrides as given in the thirty-first annual report of Dr. John MacDonald, County Medical Officer for Inverness-shire.

In one district, actually placed there by the Board of Agriculture, is a small community living in houses built of turf, with one of lime and stone.

One house, built of blocks of turf, stands on an island in a quagmire, with trenches dug round to carry off the water. The fire is made on the floor.

Openings made for windows are filled with *debris* in lieu of glass. The bed head forms the side of a stall for a cow.

It is no wonder that the occupants of these buildings are in poor health, that some have died, and that Dr. MacDonald describes the whole affair as "repugnant."

There is only one thing to be said in favour, that at least in the lonely Hebrides inhabitants have not many steps to take before they reach fresh air.

The inhabitants of West Ham, whose Medical Officer of Health has lately reported, are in a worse case. There we have people sleeping five, six, and ten in one room.

These disgraceful and unmoral conditions are known to the Government. They are substantiated by facts and figures published by the Government, yet nothing is done. We agree with Mr. Groves, M.P., when he terms it "a standing disgrace to any country that calls itself Christian."

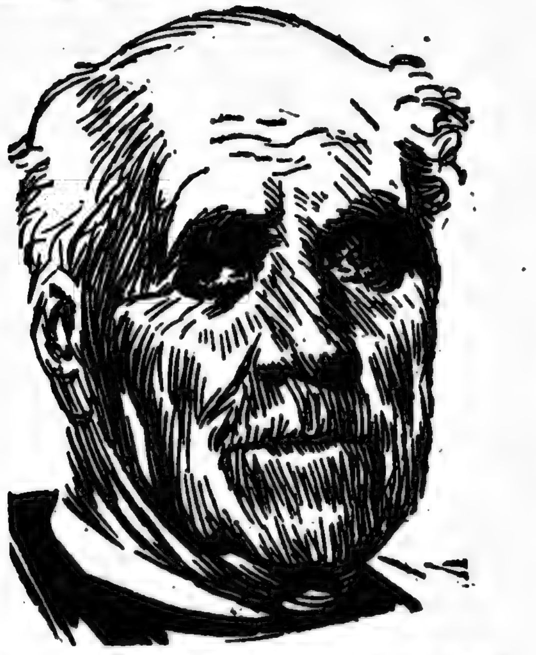
We wish that for one brief year every Member of Parliament could be given a holiday and their places taken by the Medical Officers of Health, with Sir George Newman as their head.

Then things would soon be smartly altered.

Paupers in the Pulpit

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

THE sweating of the clergy is a glaring scandal in the Church of England. It is time it was dragged into the light of day, and exposed in such a manner as to make the Church for very shame do something to end it



His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, to whose attention we particularly draw the plight of the poorer clergy in the hope that he will move for their relief

I SEE that the Rev. Gilbert Watling, Vicar of St. John's, Edmonton, was saved at the last moment from being taken to prison for non-payment of the balance of his rates amounting to £10.

Mr. Watling's case is typical of a glaring scandal that, year in, year out, persists unchecked within the Church of England. I wonder how long the members of this Church—the richest Church in the world—will complacently allow their clergy to starve? Mr. Watling is only one of hundreds.

His stipend is £96 a quarter. When he gets this quarter's payment £21 must go to a moneylender who holds a bill of sale on his furniture; £44 towards repaying friends who have lent him money; £10 for insurance of the church furniture and £4 10s. to a furnishing company.

How he is going to live on the remainder is a thing known only to himself and his wife.

From church to trams

I do not take much notice of what the magistrate said about Mr. Watling. His remarks were a little too venomous, and I have not written of Mr. Watling without knowing something of what I write.

His is by no means the only case that to-day disgraces those who guide the destinies of the Church.

There is a vicar who is in great distress because he has been unfortunate enough to cut the knee of his trousers. This sounds trivial. Spoken from the stage or music-hall it would sound positively farcical.

In reality, it is the very essence of tragedy, for the vicar was depending on this single pair of trousers to carry him through the winter. If he were asked to find the money to purchase a new pair he would not know where to turn.

There is another vicar who actually had to go to the guardians for relief, and there is a curate who, because he simply could not support himself on his meagre stipend, had to give up his curacy and become a tram conductor.

Cold comfort

In order to live at all, and pay his way, one clergyman has to sell ornaments on week days, while another was forced to become an insurance agent, finding it utterly impossible to keep himself, his wife and his family out of his income.

I can tell you of a clergyman whose only overcoat was a second-hand one, eight years old, and whose suit is literally green through age, for he has had to wear it for fifteen years. He has sold half his library, much of his furniture, and his wife's few trifles of jewellery in a hopeless endeavour to make two quite impossible ends meet.

He has been bankrupt and is likely to become bankrupt again. In his distress, he appealed to a high dignitary of the Church, and the only comfort he got was to be advised to go bankrupt so as to draw attention to the appalling condition of the poorer clergy.

The Church Assembly is very busy discussing the rights and wrongs of the revised Prayer Book; very agitatedly pondering the iniquities of a Parliament that dared to express its convictions in a very decided manner; very anxiously attempting to find a way out of an artificial maze that is entirely of its own creation.

It is indulging in disputes and bickerings about as useful as the disputes of those other divines who used to argue with considerable heat about how many angels could stand on the point of a needle.

It does not seem to be anybody's business to tackle the more mundane matter of the hundreds of clergymen who, with their wives and families, are literally living under conditions of starvation.

Hypocritical prating

Beyond a few hesitating appeals by bishops compelled through very shame to do something, or to try to do something, for their unfortunate brothers, nothing whatever is accomplished.

Yet some clergymen have even sought a way out of their terrible plight by suicide, while the workhouse has numbered not a few clergymen among its inmates.

It does not help the Church very much when it thunders against sweated labour if it be known, as it is known, that its own paid servants are sweated to a degree that no trade union would stand for a moment.

It savours a little too much like hypocrisy when the Church prates against callous and brutal employers so long as the Church itself is numbered among the worst offenders.

It is small wonder that the Church has ceased to be a living force in the country, that it has ceased to be able to say, let alone do, anything effective towards the solution of our most pressing social problems when it is quite incapable of dealing with an evil like this that exists in its own body.

Heartbreaking prospect

Can it be wondered at that the bitter taunt of "Physician, heal thyself!" is beginning to be slung at the Church whenever it speaks?

It is time that this scandal was dragged into the light of day for all the world to see, for the clergy are no different from other human beings, and it is those who face without hope the most bitter and soul-destroying poverty who are usually the last to complain.

Poverty is too prone to suffer in silence, for the world is very callous and only too ready to forget what is not very brutally brought before its notice.

"For many years," a clergyman writes to me, "I have struggled single-handed in a parish of 6,000 souls. My wife and I have had no holiday for seven years, and for many years my wife has been an invalid. We face continually hard sheer poverty, having to pretend to keep up appearances, which is not expected of the ordinary poor, who have much done for them.

"There has been, and there is, much prating about evangelical poverty and its many blessings, which fairly raises the gorge of the silent sufferer.

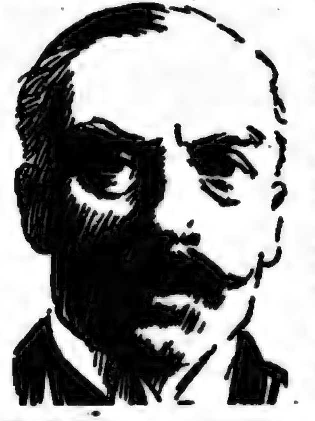
"What have I to look forward to in old age, but starvation or the workhouse as the result of struggling to exist on an income which would be scorned by a road sweeper?"

That is a letter which I commend very particularly to the Church and to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners who yearly draw a fortune in royalties from coal and in rents from slums and brothels.

The Jay

British justice is unfortunately too often injustice. And it will remain so whilst untrained amateurs are allowed to administer the law

THE people who administer "justice" in this country, those who are paid for the job and those who "do it for love," may be roughly divided into two classes—the savage and the humane.



Sir F. Senier says Almore's treatment is a miscarriage of justice

That is to say, there are some who temper justice with mercy and who put the reformation of an offender first and his punishment second, while others have apparently no idea in their heads save the heavy punishment of an offender in the hope that it will deter others from repeating his offence.

The latter are no doubt honestly convinced of the deterrent effect of heavy punishment, but the way in which they administer the law makes one doubly grateful for the existence of the Court of Criminal Appeal.

This court has power to increase a punishment as well as to reduce or remit it; how often do we hear of the judges exercising that power? That goes to show that it is very seldom the judges think a man has been let off too lightly.

On the other hand, it very often happens that the Appeal Court reduces the sentences inflicted by a lower court. These cases have recurred with disquieting frequency throughout the whole history of the court.

Men sentenced to long terms of imprisonment or penal servitude have, on appeal, had their sentences quashed and lighter sentences substituted, proof positive that, in the opinion of the experienced and able judges of appeal, many of the sentences imposed by the lower courts are unduly harsh.

TWO appeals which may be fairly taken as typical of many have been heard within the last few days.

One was that of a man sentenced at the Bedfordshire Sessions to five years' penal servitude for the theft of a motor-cycle. The Court of Criminal Appeal reduced the sentence to one of twenty months' hard labour.

The other appeal was that of a man who was sentenced at the East Kent Sessions to eighteen months' hard labour for the theft of a pair of

The World's Worst Sport

by A. G. GARDINER

SUBMARINE warfare is the most despicable kind of warfare ever invented. No nation worthy of its name would willingly consent to it. When, therefore, it is proposed to do away with it, Britain must readily welcome the proposal, despite the attitude of others

IT would seem that Mr. Kellogg's new proposal to outlaw the submarine is getting a worse reception in France even than the previous proposal to outlaw war. The Paris Press has been mobilised against Mr. Kellogg, and we know what that means in a city where the newspapers are so well drilled in the art of saying what the Government wants them to say.

We are told that America is "putting something over" on France. What that "something" is would puzzle a Philadelphian lawyer to explain.

But, of course, the fact is that France has no more intention of discussing the abolition of submarines than she has of discussing the employment of her African troops in Europe. It was France through M. Briand who brought the Washington Conference to grief on this very subject.

She turned down ruthlessly our proposal to cut down the construction of submarines as well as of capital ships, and it was that action which led straight to the fiasco of Geneva last summer.

It will be remembered how impressively and wisely Lord Balfour warned France at Washington of the unhappy consequences of her policy on the mind of this country.

Danger of starvation

There is no use in blinking the fact that on this issue we and the French are at the poles. If during the war we came near to irreparable disaster it was the submarine and the submarine alone that was responsible.

No one whose business it was to live in daily and hourly contact with the dark secrets of the war will ever forget those terrifying days in April, May and June, 1917, when the mastery of the submarine seemed imminent and our fate sealed.

I have always held the view, and I still hold it, that if any single man can, more than another, be said to have "won the war," it is a certain Civil servant whose name the public hardly knows, but whose genius, foresight and firmness during that terrible episode constitute one of the most illustrious memories of the war.

While submarine warfare is permitted we are the most vulnerable people in the world. France feeds herself, and all the submarines in the world could not starve her into surrender. The world feeds us, and as we often have only six weeks' food in stock a successful submarine offensive may bring us to the brink of famine in two months.

A stiff back

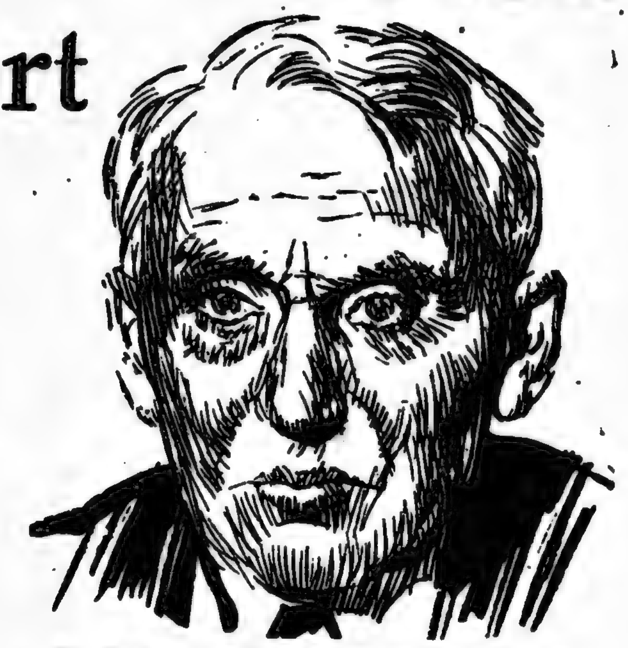
Why then does France so persistently refuse to agree to eliminating or even reducing the submarine? Not because her existence is in danger from it as is ours. Not because it is necessary to her defence and to the preservation of her food supplies.

She demands supremacy in the submarine because it is her weapon of offence, of aggression. Her whole policy since the war has been to concentrate on the submarine and the aeroplane, both of them instruments of offence.

And she never hesitates to make it clear that, no matter what treaties are signed or what pacific terms are offered, she will not have her hands tied in the air or under the sea. Hence the disingenuous excuses with which she turns down Mr. Kellogg's latest proposal.

I do not know at the time of writing whether Mr. Kellogg has put his proposal before this country. If he has, or when he has, I hope Sir Austen Chamberlain will welcome it wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. If there is one country with which we ought to be in step on this question of disarmament and arbitration it is the United States.

But we are not in step. We are very much out of step. The fault is not all on one side: it is on both sides. But we have a big share of it, and if the present drift into naval competition continues it is this country which will pay the reckoning.



Mr. Kellogg, the U.S. Secretary of State, who recently proposed the abolition of the submarine

The drift ought to be stopped and it ought to be stopped now. It can be stopped by welcoming Mr. Kellogg's declarations for the outlawry of war and the outlawry of the submarine.

Face the fact!

On these two cardinal points the mind of this country is whole-heartedly with America, and though a declaration is not a policy, such a pronouncement as Mr. Kellogg suggests would lead to a policy, and, what is equally important, a sympathetic atmosphere in our relations with the United States.

And if this course is unwelcome to France, let us face the fact. It will be better both for France and for ourselves in the long run.

Ever since the war ended we have danced to any tune that was set from Paris. In our desire to be patient, we have neither pressed for the payment of debts nor insisted on a reasonable share in the dictation of policy. We stood by while the dreadful Ruhr fiasco kept Europe on the brink of a blaze for two years.

We have remained silent while reparation coal is being used to destroy the South Wales industry. We saw our submarine policy turned down at Washington, and have stood by while France is establishing a power in this field as formidable as that which Germany wielded before the war.

We have committed this country to keep the peace on the Rhine, only to find that the Treaty of Locarno has made no change in the claim of France to keep a great army in the German Rhineland.

Dangerous risk

There is a plain question we ought to put to France. Does she believe we shall fulfil the guarantee we gave at Locarno? If so, what is the reason for keeping the Rhine country an armed camp? So long as that occupation continues the cause of peace cannot prosper in Europe and our commitment at Locarno is a grave menace to us. We entered into that commitment in order to give France the sense of security and to encourage her to pursue a reasonable policy.

It is time that we stated firmly that if we are to continue to shoulder this heavy liability France must play fair with us and with Germany. The time must come when we shall be compelled to insist on having a say in the larger issues that perplex Europe and the world, and the longer we delay the more we risk a dangerous rupture.

Let us seize the opportunity that is offered to us to get into step with America. If we do that France will not be long in following our lead.

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n Justice

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

binoculars, in spite of the fact that the jury which heard the case expressed the opinion that the matter was not one for a criminal court, but for the county court. The sentence was quashed.

VERY many miscarriages of justice occur, however, which the Appeal Court cannot rectify, since they are the result of the decisions of magistrates in cases where no appeal is possible.

A case in point is that of Atmore, who was sent to prison by the Feltham magistrates for failure to pay under a maintenance order. The order was for £3 a week, and at the time the arrears accrued the man was on sick leave with an allowance of only 10s. per day, so that it would have been a miracle if he had not fallen into arrears.

He pleaded with the magistrates not to send him to prison, since prison meant the loss of his position as postmaster, worth £500 per year, a pension, and a gratuity which would have amounted to £700. The magistrates were unmoved. Although Atmore had paid £72 towards the £90 arrears, to prison he had to go.

This decision seems a particularly foolish one, for had he been permitted to remain at liberty, he could gradually have paid off the arrears as well as his wife's allowance. As it is, since he has lost all, she loses all, and so two persons must suffer just because some magistrates will not learn and some cannot.

Possibly Atmore will be reinstated; certainly he ought to be. That is not the point I wish to make. It is this. The power to impose a sentence of imprisonment carries with it a tremendous responsibility. It is nothing less than the power to ruin the whole life of a man or woman.

That responsibility does not seem to be recognised by many lay magistrates. They sentence people to various terms of imprisonment almost with levity and certainly with a serene disregard of possible consequences.

LAY magistrates ought to cease to exist. They are an anachronism, a survival which ought not to be permitted to survive any longer. As I have said before, so I say now, only a man—or woman—with a mind trained in law and sharpened by legal practice ought to be permitted to administer the law.

But even the disappearance of the lay magistrate is not enough in itself to ensure the just administration of the law. Stipendiaries, Recorders and even judges sometimes err, and the results of any error in the administration of justice are so incalculable that any justice or judge ought to be held responsible for the results of his error.

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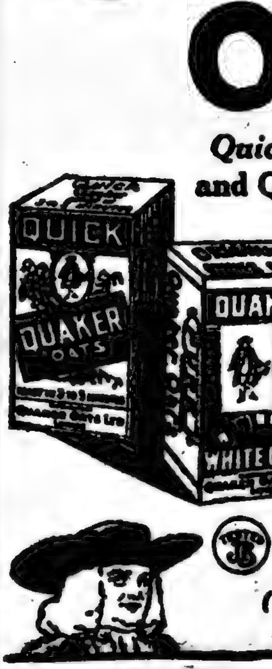

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THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!

by **"WOODBINE WILLIE"** *(The Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, M.C.)*

"WAR is inevitable!" This is the expressed opinion of the war lords among the nations. All the more urgent, therefore, that the people shall rise up in their strength and make the war lords realise that it is Peace that is really inevitable.

FIELD-MARSHAL SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD, Commander-in-Chief in India, in a comforting little speech which he made to the Gurkha Rifles at Gorahkpur the other day, announced to them and to the world the glorious news that:

"World peace has not yet dawned. The last war has yet to be fought. When and where the next war will be fought none can tell, but this I can confidently say, it will find the Gurkhas ready to take up arms again as our allies, and to do battle for right, true as ever to your old saying, 'It is better to die than be a coward.'"

Now I call that real kind of Sir William. Here are we sick and tired of this prolonged peace, and almost despairing of ever having a good slap-up war again, and just at the right moment this great man tells us that we need have no fear.

The greatest war yet

I am sure that all the working people of this and other countries will be immensely cheered and heartened by this announcement. As they bend themselves to the great task of paying for the last one, the certainty of another war will inspire and strengthen them.

But there is even more encouraging news. America has added to the unpayable debt we owe to that great country. Flashed across the ocean with the speed of light, the words of an American admiral come to raise our hopes still higher.

"If you don't want war," this gallant sailor cries, "creep into a hole and die like a worm. But be reassured, no such ignoble fate awaits you. War is inevitable. Mark my words, gentlemen, inevitable."

The admiral was reluctant to give details or make any premature disclosures, but, on being pressed by eager reporters, gave them to understand that America was arranging with Britain to take with her the leading part in the next grand conflict.

Could anything be more entirely satisfactory? With two such protagonists we can rest assured that the next great naval and military pageant will surpass all previous productions.

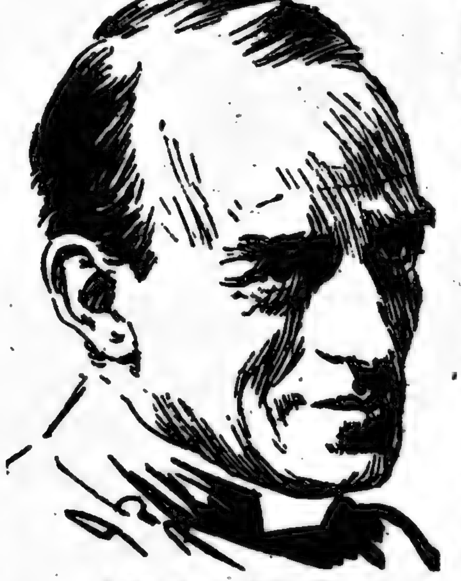
What a prospect!

It will be played upon a world stage—a spectacle of bloodshed, fire and torturing death by land, sea and air, absolutely unparalleled for lavish magnificence and dramatic intensity.

After all, these islands are even now too densely populated, and before the great day comes we shall be in a position where a little blood-letting will not do us any harm.

Of course, it should be understood that preparation for a war on such a vast scale as this takes time. There is little prospect, alas! of Admiral Plunkett or Sir William Birdwood being able to take part. They will not live to see the result of their arduous and self-sacrificing labours on behalf of war, but those of us who have children growing up can look forward with confidence to the little heroes being blown to pieces, poisoned, burned to death or drowned.

It is the duty of Cabinets to put all their goods in the shop-window with a mirror behind them and plenty of electric light. It is the duty of War Offices and Admiralties to keep theirs in a cellar under lock and key, and only now and then when they want money do they talk at all.



"Woodbine Willie"

Silent work

But they work all the time. They are always at work, and whatever they say they are all convinced that "the last war has not been fought" and that "war is inevitable."

All ideas other than that appear to them to be utter nonsense and absurdity. They know that the people must be kept quiet. They must, up to a point, give way to the politicians and help them to catch votes by appeasing the popular clamour for economy.

One of the regular and officially recognised methods of doing this is to make a great fuss about apparent disarmament, reducing and abolishing such weapons and engines of war as are likely to be useless in the next beano, while they quietly produce and perfect more deadly ones.

Admiral Plunkett has been duly rapped over the knuckles by President Coolidge because he went too far, and he has subscribed to the official formula that war between Britain and America is unthinkable. That is a time-honoured word. When I was a boy war between England and Germany was at the "unthinkable" stage.

But, however unthinkable war may be, it can quietly and steadily be prepared for by those whose business that preparation is. They do not think in words; they think in steel, iron and infernal machines, and they think all the time.

To them all this talk about abolishing war is just the moonshine which always is talked for a while after a great war while people are still tired. It is the business of naval and military men to keep quiet, bide their time, and in the end their day will come.

The Admiralty in England and America and the War Office in France have the whip-hand of the politicians when you get down to tin-tacks, and what they suffer from is a trade disease.

Microbe of war

The trade disease of the military and naval mind is the microbe of war; it is the bug from which that pestilence springs.

Sir William Birdwood and his sort are amongst the cleanest, straightest and most upright of men, but their trade is war and they cannot think in any other terms.

Military and naval experts will never disarm. That is why Geneva went bust and will go bust again so long as it is governed and controlled by that type of mind.

War between Britain and America is unthinkable, but the naval expert never thinks of anything else.

With the German navy at the bottom of the sea why should he think of anything else? If there is to be naval war at all it will be war between Britain and America.

War is inevitable so long as that type of blind-spot mind has power to sway Governments, and to think in millions of money and millions of men. It is as inevitable as human madness and sloth.

But there is no other necessity or fate behind it. Do not be bamboozled by any talk of economic necessity for war. War is inevitable unless and until men learn to think and to see straight—but no longer.

Dangerous defect

When we recognise that this defective type of mind is the power behind the throne of the world, and gets a hold on every department of our lives; when we understand that it commands eleven shillings out of every pound paid in taxes, and has endless propaganda resources in the Press, the cinema and the school; when, moreover, we recognise that the men and women who think this way are not a band of evil conspirators, but are amongst the best in the land, splendid people in every way except for this mental defect, we shall be getting nearer to it.

We are all born with a tendency to this form of lunacy, and are liable to catch it, but it is perpetuated and handed down through the military and naval tradition which continues unchanged in a world of incredibly rapid change. There is the central danger spot.

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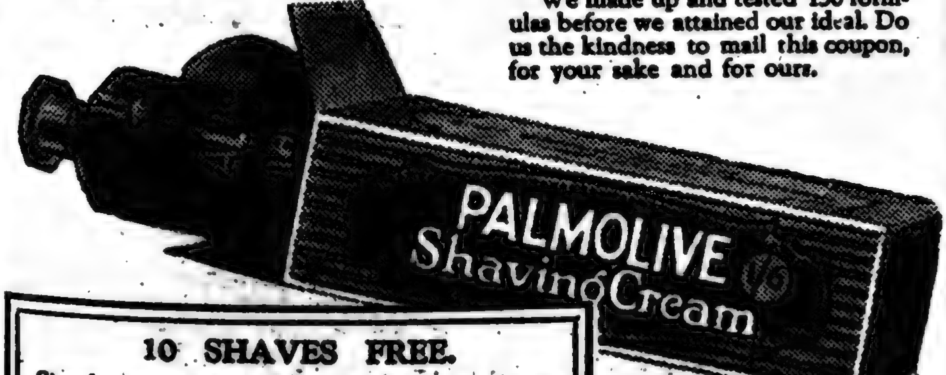

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A Forgotten Bible Lesson

WHEN in 1926 Parliament gave its assent to the Legitimacy Act, it was thought that a new era of justice had dawned for the illegitimate child. The sins of the parents were no longer to be visited upon the children. The "love child" was no longer to be a hated outcast in the land.

Two things are necessary, however, to the successful working of the best-intentioned Act of Parliament—first, that it shall be not a tinkering half-measure, dealing merely with the fringes of the problem to be tackled, but an honest and whole-hearted charter of reform, and, further, that its administration shall be conducted in a spirit of humanity and wisdom.

The latter point is of special importance when we are dealing with a class of persons who have suffered a bitter social wrong.

The first snag

As most people are aware, the Act provides that where two unmarried persons become the parents of an infant, their subsequent marriage shall automatically legitimise the child.

The Act is retrospective, so that persons of any age can avail themselves of its provisions should it ever be necessary. A declaration of legitimacy can be obtained by application to the nearest county court.

Here is the first snag. The last thing in the world an illegitimate person desires, the thing above all others which, usually, he shuns and dreads, is the public advertisement of the circumstances of his birth.

Is such shyness natural? Is it understandable or excusable? Should we feel the same, if the misfortune were ours?

Well, we had better listen, perhaps, to a county court judge, who has the responsibility of deciding such matters.

At the Clerkenwell County Court the other day it was suggested that, out of consideration for the feelings of the applicant, the evidence of witnesses regarding his birth should be privately heard.

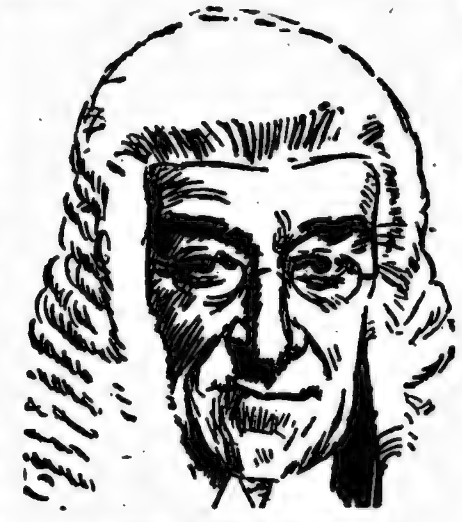
This application was bluntly refused. Said the bluff and breezy Judge Bairstow: "Why any person should not come into court and have his legitimacy declared, I don't know. I see nothing disgraceful about it. An illegitimate child has nothing to be ashamed of. It is not the child's fault."

Hidden secret

Nothing could be truer than these last six words, but it does not follow therefore that it is a kind or decent thing to bawl a man's or a woman's misfortune from the house-tops, for the entertainment of a casual crowd, some of whom, for certain, will be narrow-minded or nasty-minded fools.

Behind these formal applications there often lies a poignant human story. Within a few miles of London there lives a man, prominent in public life, honoured by a wide circle of friends. He has a grown-up daughter who was two years old before he married her mother.

All her life this secret has been hidden from her. It lies securely buried in the distant past. It is "nothing to be ashamed of," of course, and "not the child's fault," but does Judge Bairstow really "see no reason why she should not come into court and have her legitimacy declared"?



His Honour Judge Bairstow, K.C.

If it did happen would he not feel impelled as a matter of common courtesy, not to say humane feeling, to close the doors?

Not fair or decent

Another case is that of a clergyman in a large industrial parish who, before taking holy orders, was a medical student. Upon entering the ministry, one of his first steps was to marry a girl he had wronged, and who was the mother of his child. To-day he wants to legitimise his son, his final act of restitution.

Is it fair or decent that he should be expected to publish the facts in the county court, in the district where he lives and labours, respected as an earnest, devoted parish priest?

There is no reason whatever why these cases should not be heard privately, as so many other matters are, before the judge in "chambers" or the county court registrar. An early amendment of the Legitimacy Act to this effect is imperatively required.

Nor is this the only amendment called for. Taking for our text Judge Bairstow's incontestable statement that "it is not the child's fault," we demand to know why, under this half-baked Act of Parliament, legitimisation is refused to the child of parents one or other of whom was married to a third party at the date of its birth?

The other day in the Divorce Division a woman petitioner pleaded with the judge to hasten her divorce from her husband. Sheer impatience to be rid of him?

No; just womanly pity for a child shortly to be born to another woman, through her husband's misconduct, a child who would be stigmatised for ever by the law as a "bastard" unless the decree absolute could be pronounced before it drew its first breath.

Blundering bigots

But Lord Merrivale declined to hurry matters, and the Court of Appeal upheld his decision. The child was born illegitimate. The subsequent marriage of its parents will not help it. It is the offspring—poor mite!—of "adulterous intercourse."

Irony of ironies, it was the spokesmen of the Church, or some of them, including several bishops, who, when the Legitimacy Act was under discussion in Parliament, refused to extend its benefits to children who were the offspring of marital infidelity.

These bigots must have neglected their Bibles. They can never have read of Christ's refusal to condemn the woman taken in adultery, or of His tenderness for the little ones whom His disciples would have turned away.

It is proving terribly hard in this Christian country to live down the old legal doctrine that a child born outside wedlock is the "son of nobody"—a citizen without citizen rights.

Instead, we are cruelly living up to the doctrine, with here and there a grudging concession, wrung from Parliament like blood from a stone.

In the Law Courts last term a young woman from Birmingham, Miss Edith Bensly, laid claim to her uncle's estate of £120,000. Morally her claim was incontestable. The dead man had left no will, and the girl was his next-of-kin.

Grace or disgrace?

When the case came on for hearing, however, the Solicitor-General was there to inform the court that the deceased was illegitimate, so that in the eyes of English law he had no blood-relations, and his estate was forfeit to the Crown!

As an "act of grace," Miss Bensly was allowed to keep £15,000. Act of grace, indeed! The thing is a disgrace from beginning to end. If a mere pittance had been involved, instead of a fortune, the law would have been the same.

The Legitimacy Act leaves these scandals untouched.

When is Parliament going to fill up the gaps in this measure? How long will the nation tolerate these black wrongs perpetrated in its name?

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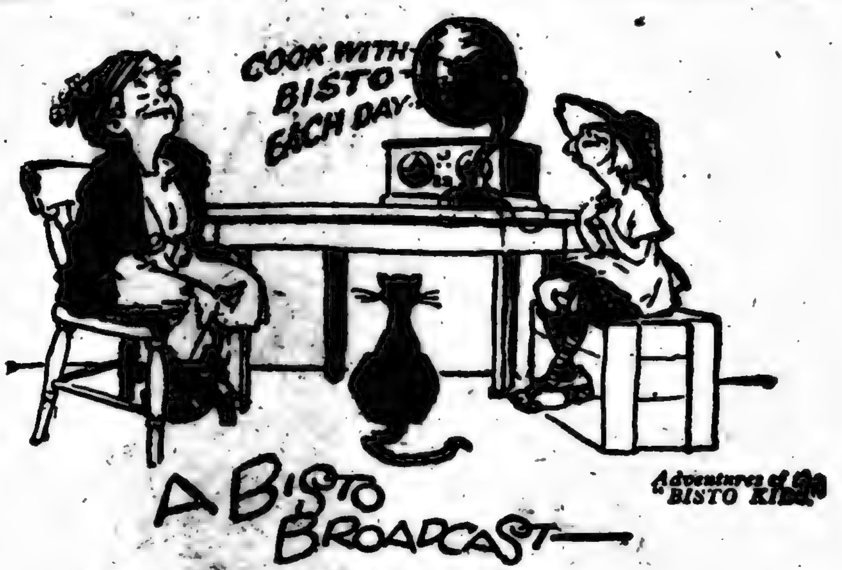
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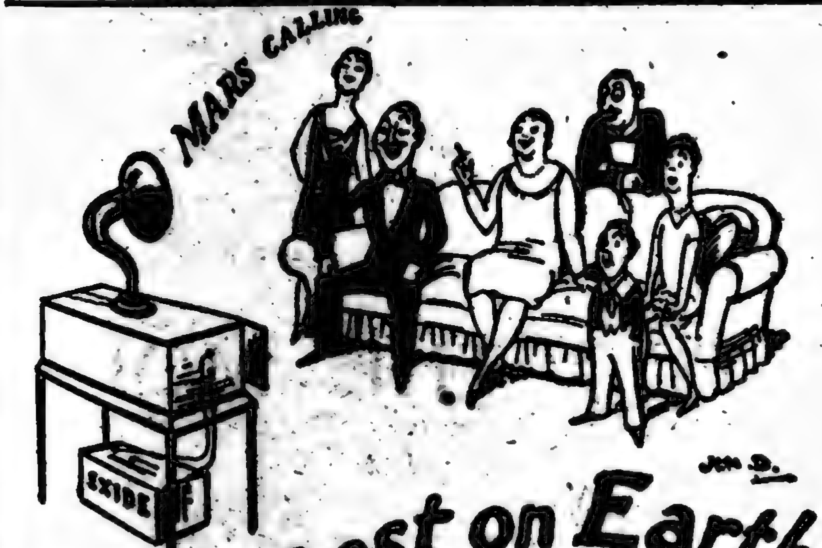

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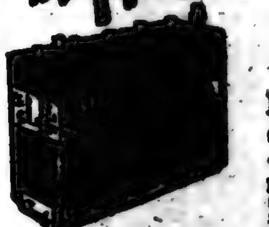

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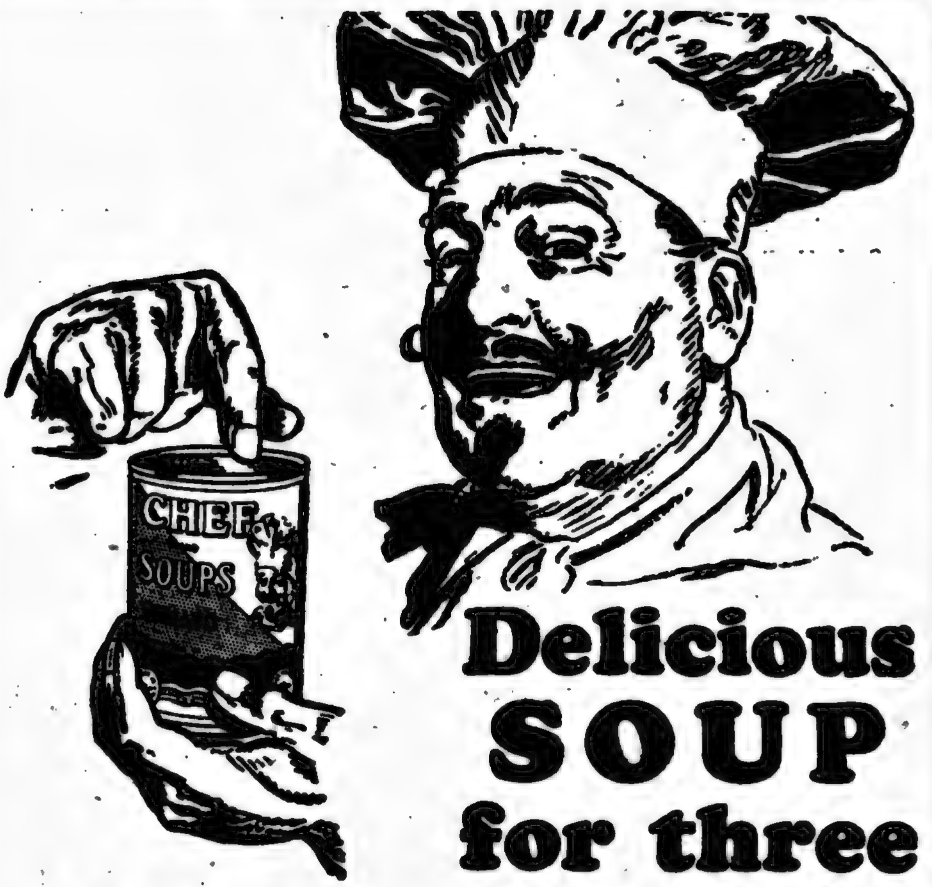

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by PHILIP INMAN

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A DUEL WITH DEATH

THREE months ago a London factory girl went to her work with a glad heart and a smiling face. On the third finger of her left hand she wore an engagement ring, a ring that had been placed there by her lover only a week before.

That night they were to meet again, and arrange for the marriage which was shortly to take place. Little did that girl think that her dreams would become a ghastly nightmare and that her wonderful romance would change into a poignant tragedy.

To-day she is back again at her work, with a sad face and a bleeding heart. Her romance which might have grown into a beautiful and fragrant flower has been smitten by a cruel frost before it could blossom.

The first inkling that something was wrong came in the form of a telephone message from her sweetheart. "He had a blinding headache," he said, "and was going home to bed."

Within twenty-four hours a London specialist had diagnosed his trouble as tumour of the brain, and he was at once carried into a London hospital.

From the first, his case seemed hopeless, but that girl took up arms against death. Every day she came like a ministering angel to his bedside.

Precious moments

It took her twenty-five minutes to reach the hospital from her work, and twenty-five minutes to get back again, but never once did she miss coming to see him during her lunch hour.

Those few precious moments spelt a good deal of sacrifice on her part, but they brought a great deal of joy to the one who lingered in the shadows. When the day's work was over, she would rush back again and sit with him until "Lights out."

The agony that patient endured makes me shiver even now as I think of it. In addition to his head trouble, he had an affliction of the back, which left him with great open sores. They became of such a size that in more than one of them a huge fist could be implanted. Every morning and every night they had to be dressed.

One night his sweetheart was sitting by his side. "What time is it, dear?" he asked. "Just five o'clock," she told him. A look of indescribable agony came into his eyes. "In another hour I shall be in hell," he went on. "But I have got to stick it, for nurse cries when she sees me upset."

Gratitude's resolve

For six weeks that boy remained in the hospital, then, as his bed was required for another urgent case, and as nothing more could be done for him, he was transferred to another hospital.

Here I want to digress for a moment to pay a tribute to that much-maligned institution, the Poor Law infirmary. Why in the name of goodness a home of suffering should bear such a repellent designation completely baffles me.

Poor Law institution—the name is enough to give one the creeps. But no one could have been better cared for than this young fellow in that infirmary, and no one could have received greater kindness than his sweetheart in those tragic days.

The doctors and the nurses pitied her hopeless passion. They knew that underneath the smile with which she always greeted her lover was a heart torn with unspeakable sorrow.

Whatever happiness that patient enjoyed in his dying days he owed to the girl who, if Fate had been kind, would by then have been his wife. All day one Sunday she had remained with him. He had seemed better than he had been for weeks.

When she left him, the sister came to dress his wounds, and as he saw her coming he smiled at her. "Leave it for a quarter of an hour; I am feeling so happy," he begged. And she readily consented.

Philip Inman

The quarter of an hour gone, she went again to him. But in that brief interval, the Angel of Death came and carried that brave spirit away, beyond the need of human care.

In his passing the ravages which pain had wrought completely disappeared, and a smile lingered on his lips.

To-day I have seen this girl again. Those months of ceaseless vigil over the pain-wracked form of her lover have fired her with a new resolve. "I am leaving my work," she told me, "and becoming a nurse. It is the only way I can show my gratitude for what they did for him."

And I believe that factory girl will find in this great profession healing for a broken heart.

The Sentence of the Court

MIDDLINGS FOR THE MOB

And Carrots for the Colonel

TRIPPING over his sword and becoming entangled in his academic gown, Colonel Lelean, Professor of Public Health, Edinburgh University, stumbled into the dock with the grace of a brontosaurus trying to dance the black bottom.

The charge against the gallant and learned colonel-professor was one of falsification of accounts, and he pleaded "Not guilty" in an accent redolent of Auld Reekie.

"When not engaged in the lecture-hall or on the tented field," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "the accused has brooded profoundly on the beauties of thrift—for others! The outcome of his meditations is an economic treatise demonstrating how it is possible for four people (assuming they are not members of the military or professorial castes) to live on 50s. a week.

"If the lower orders would heed the gallant professor, their troubles would be at an end and we should hear no more of these demands for higher wages.

"A 'standard-sized' family—namely, four human beings—should have no difficulty in renting a mansion at a bob a day, and the learned colonel is quite agreeable that they should squander 3s. a week on fuel, 1s. 4d. on insurance and 4s. 6d. on 'incidentals.'

"In the last-named category are included 'tram fares, medicine, papers, books, stamps, pleasures, smokes, drinks, etc.,' so one cannot help thinking that by the time the gay quartette had forked out the tram fares incidental to a mad pursuit of 'pleasures' they might possibly have to economise on the 'etceteras.'

"Still, under professorial guidance, 1s. 1½d. a nob can go quite a distance, and, assuming the Four Wise Citizens curb their expenditure in other directions, our statistician calculates that they will have an entire twenty-five bob left for eats.

"Naturally, one cannot make a habit of haggis at 6s. 3d. per head per week, but the professor has no objection to a spot of cheese for three meals out of the twenty-one, and the family is permitted to gorge itself on 'middlings' seven mornings a week and to finish off its seven teas with bread, marge and jam."

Mr. Strawsplitter said that his learned friend had endeavoured to destroy by ridicule an edifice that had been reared with much patient thought. This country was full of people who were peevishly discontented with their lot and who, instead of making the best of what they had, were continually demanding something to which they were not entitled. The professor had shown these malcontents how they could make ends meet.

"There is a difference between making ends meet and making meat out of ends (and odds) the prisoner would probably consider unfit for his favourite cat," said Mr. Justice Bull.

"I know not how this academic nut who is also a 'colonel' became a vendor of hard-boiled statistics, but his fantastic figures merely make him a figure of fun.

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by MABEL HORNER

WHEN a man is rescued from evil you save a unit. When a child is prevented from evil, you save a "multiplication table"

ARE we mad? The time has come when we ought to ask ourselves this question in all seriousness. Certainly this is a queer world, judged by human behaviour. At least one great thinker gives his opinion that it is the lunatic asylum of the universe.

I want to hold by what I think is a better theory. I like to believe that this world is a school where our lessons are set for learning the deep and significant things of the spirit. I prefer to think it a training-ground for man's upward progress.

But because we are given free will and are able to choose how our time and money shall be occupied, why should we behave like wilful children, unable to discern the things that belong to our eternal good?

We forget we are grown men and women. We chase shadows and then cry out that we have no heart peace and are finding no real happiness.

It is chasing shadows when ten thousand women of the comfortable classes in London spend every afternoon playing bridge. These have been referred to lately as a big menace to the community because they are all the time consuming wealth they do nothing to help to create.

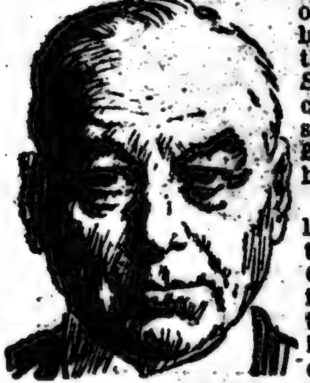
Looking in the wrong place

In reality, they are merely doing, in their own way, what even the Government of the country is doing, placing value on the wrong things. They are seeking what they will not find because they are looking in the wrong place.

One day the lesson they are missing will have to be learned all over again, possibly through a great deal of tribulation and pain. Happiness, the sort that lasts, is not found in wasting the golden hours of daylight playing cards.

It is, I suppose, in a search for security that the Government is willing to float out on the waters the new wonder ship of the world, H.M.S. *Rodney*.

With nine 16-in. guns, arranged in triple turrets, the *Rodney* is an imposing and magnificent sight. She is 680 ft. long and 106 ft. in beam—that is, 100 ft. longer than our other battleships of the *Royal Sovereign* class. And she has cost £7,000,000 to build.



The Rt. Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, M.P., Home Secretary

Nevertheless, I say that the Government in building the *Rodney* instead of other things with this £7,000,000 is seeking what it will not find, because it is looking in the wrong place. Security, the sort that lasts, is not found by sailing the broad waters of the Atlantic in floating fortresses bristling with guns.

Security, like happiness, depends absolutely upon harmonious relationship between human beings, whether as individuals or groups. Security depends upon one nation treating another nation with friendliness, justice and truth.

There is but one true value in the world, and that is the care and upward education, the health and well-being of human life.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks has received a glimmering of this better way. He wants to save the child of bad environment from becoming a criminal. He has made practical experiments and proved their worth.

He wants to extend these experiments, but he cannot do it with the buildings at his disposal. He wants a new building for training bad boys into good citizens. It would cost £100,000, and the Government says it cannot be afforded.

Out of the taxation of the whole country, from which £7,000,000 can be spared for a battleship, £100,000 cannot be spared to save young lads from a criminal life!

The greater benefit

This is amazing because if we allow these children of bad environment to drift into evil we are laying the foundations of trouble for the children of happier environment now learning to run straight. Everybody knows the menace to the community of hardened criminals. They prey upon property. They are costly to restrain.

If the building of a new "Borstal Institution" cost a million instead of £100,000, it would still be money well invested. It would be money spent for turning worse than waste material into something really valuable and good. But "we cannot afford it"!

The day that showed the *Rodney* proudly taking the waters with her turreted guns showed also America's new screens of smoke, from above which 1,000lb. bombs can be dropped on battleships from as low as 15 ft.

Millions for battleships that can be destroyed in a day! Nothing for character to last through eternity! Women, the sex through whose anguish and travail all children are born, footling with bits of pasteboard and caring not at all!

Are we mad? Unless these values are readjusted and we turn to choose the things that really matter, the answer must be, we are.

GIFTS OF THE GODS

Meeting a Real Need

WONDERFULLY beautiful discoveries in the inner sanctuaries of Tutankhamen's tomb have once again focused attention upon Egypt. The burial places of the kings are yielding treasures worth a king's ransom.

There was solid reason behind this custom of burying wealth with the dead. Ancient Egypt believed, since the departed had gone into the unveiled presence of the high gods, that gifts must accompany them, and rich material trappings such as would mark their earthly state.

Even the poorest in their worship brought gifts to the gods, since these needed "propitiating" to be induced to give much richer gifts in their turn.

Modern beneficence asks for no such "propitiation." It sees a need, and tries to meet it. That is all. It is a pleasant and certainly much more simple plan.

Real helping hand

It is the one followed by JOHN BULL in continuing, week by week, to offer to registered readers the benefits of the Free Insurance Scheme.

Mr. F. A. Ford, of 107, Redcliffe Hill, Bristol, has been a reader for over ten years. He insisted upon having the paper even when resident in Egypt. There he paid two plastres for each copy; in English money, 5d. Back in the home country he naturally became a *registered* reader, and when sickness laid him aside was, of course, able to apply for benefit.

"Words cannot express my great appreciation of your most needed gift," he writes. "It is a real helping hand. I shall certainly tell all my friends especially the non-readers, that JOHN BULL *pays*."

Similarly, Mrs. Daisy Atkins, of 22, Glencoe Road, Chatham, writes: "I must thank you from the bottom of my heart for the cheque received in respect of my husband's illness. After having both my children ill with the same complaint, the money came as a veritable gift from the gods. Now we are looking forward to all being together once more, and you can count on me and mine always looking on JOHN BULL with gratitude."

In looking forward to reunion, Mrs. Atkins refers to the enforced separation of families caused by long contagious illness. Arrangements for quick isolation are very complete in these days, which is perhaps one reason why so little is made of its constant menace.

The friend in need

Few, beyond the sufferers, know how widespread are the ravages, for instance, of that dreaded complaint, diphtheria.

Mr. William Maskell, of 3, Mill Street, Kidlington, is one reader whom we helped. Unhappily, his story did not end happily, for in spite of unremitting care his wife succumbed to the dreaded scourge.

We have already extended to him our deepest sympathy. In replying he strikes a very true note. He says: "I am sure it must give you great pleasure to pay these benefits in such times of need." does, and that is why we claim our benefits to be better than the ancient superstitious "gifts of the gods."

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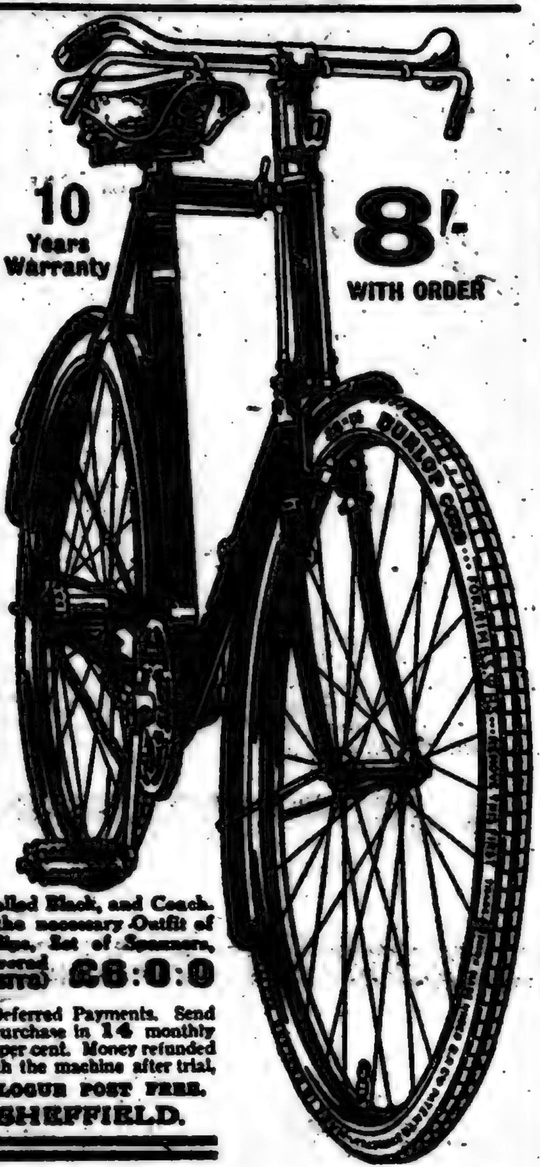

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"I FEEL I must tell you of the wonderful thing that has happened since I wrote to you, explaining the terrible straits I was in with my family of young children, through my husband being out of work, for I feel so overcome with gratitude that I don't know what to do to express my thankfulness and repay the kindness shown to us.

"My third little girl was going back to school yesterday afternoon, munching a slice of dry bread. There was only one slice apiece for the children's dinner and I didn't know where their next meal was coming from.

"I had been without food myself, and, feeling that I should sink if I did not have something, I had gone to my mother to ask for a bite. It was while I was gone that this wonderful thing happened.

"AN old man stopped my little girl and asked her if her daddy was working. When she told him how we were placed, he sent her home for one of the older ones to get a hand-cart of some kind and take it to his house.

"He almost filled the cart with coal and then went with it to the grocers and had a large box of groceries put on it, also some sweets and oranges for the little ones, to make up to them for not having been able to go to the school treat.

"He has since sent potatoes and meat and a large pork-pie, and he has called at the house and put a ten-shilling note into my hand. He has also sent milk every day for the little boy who is sick in bed.

"As if all this was not enough, he has given my husband a start at work.

"My heart is too full for words. Can you tell me of some little way in which I can repay this good man? He seems to have come like a messenger straight from heaven, and he has, indeed, turned our darkness into light.

"When I tried to thank him, he held up his hand to stop me speaking, and said, ever so gently, 'I don't want thanks; it gives me great pleasure to do it.'"

"HUMANIST" says: *It is refreshing to receive such an intensely human document, which may well serve as an example to many who, though richly blessed with this world's goods, have never learned like this old man the luxury of doing good. At some future time you may be in a position to render him service in gratitude, but, meanwhile, if your heart is overflowing with thankfulness, the will will be taken for the deed.*

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The Way of Temptation

"AFTER being out of work for two years, I was gradually losing hope, when a friend suggested that I could make a bit of money if I followed his example in betting.

"In desperation, I went with him to the yard where the local bookmaker conducts his business, and, first betting with only a shilling or two, I got so drawn into the habit that before long I haunted the bookmaker every race-day, and invested not shillings, but pounds.

"The money I was using was not really mine. I am engaged to be married, and before I fell out of work my fiancée and myself had saved between us more than £100, which was banked in my name.

"To cut a long story short, I gambled away every penny, and for months I had to fence with my fiancée whenever our nest-egg was mentioned.

"At last I could no longer conceal the truth, and I had to confess what I had done. My fiancée forgave me on my promising that I would never back horses or gamble in any way again.

"I have kept my promise, but now I am rather in a quandary. I have been offered two situations, one as a handy man at £2 15s. a week and the other as clerk to a bookmaker at £4 a week.

"The temptation to take the better-paid post is very great, as it would enable us to marry quite soon, but I fear my fiancée would not approve of it. Don't you think I have a right to earn back some of the money I lost in the business?"

"HUMANIST" says: *I certainly advise you to accept the job with the lower wage, and keep away from the business which so nearly ruined you and might easily do so again, seeing that you have shown yourself so susceptible. Further, be perfectly frank with your fiancée. You cannot hope for happiness in married life without mutual confidence.*

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Breaking a Girl's Heart

"AS a soldier in a crack regiment, I am very perplexed as to what to do in the tangle into which I have got. While I was on furlough a few months ago I met a girl who attracted me very much, and before I went back to my unit I became engaged to her.

"At the time I felt quite inclined to make her my wife, but after I had thought things over I realised that I did not have the means to support her properly on my Army pay.

"I put the position clearly before her, with the result that she said she did not mind how long she waited, but was quite prepared to remain engaged to me if I would be faithful to her and make her a home as soon as I could.

"When I left my friends where I had been staying during my furlough, I told them I felt a little bit awkward about this arrangement, and they advised me not to write to her, but to let the engagement sort of die away.

"So far as I know the girl is now under the impression that I have gone abroad and no doubt she is waiting for a letter from me.

"I did not go with the draft, and I am wondering now whether I ought not to write to her and tell her that I have come to the conclusion our engagement is hopeless or leave her in ignorance and let her imagine that like so many more I have gone West."

"HUMANIST" says: *If you wish to retain self-respect and a reputation as a straightforward man you will tell the truth. The less said about friends who advised you not to write to her, leaving her perhaps breaking her heart with the thought that something terrible may have happened to you, the better.*

"GIVE and let live" is a good slogan, and very applicable to "The Greatest of These—" Fund. (See page 38.)

"JOHN BULL" GREAT PEN OFFER.
(See page 2.)

Bitten by Envy

"DURING two years of hardship, caused by irregular employment, I have been helped financially by a man who attends the same church as I do, and I have been grateful, as I have a wife and family dependent upon me.

"Quite recently a position under the local authority fell vacant, and I applied for it, as although the salary was small, it was regular and would have meant something like paradise to me.

"When the applications were examined, the post was given as a spare-time job to the man who has helped me, although he has regular work and a pension.

"It has come to my knowledge that this man has twice been convicted, and it seems to me a great injustice to the many unemployed applicants that the post should have been given to one who is not in need of it, and whose record is somewhat shady.

"I feel that I would be justified in sending his record to the authorities, for though, undoubtedly, I should receive no further help from him, some unfortunate workless man, not necessarily myself, might be appointed in his place."

"HUMANIST" says: *Your mind seems to need a good scouring to enable you to realise the meanness of your attitude. Balzac said, "Envy lurks at the bottom of the human heart like a viper in his hole." You should strangle it and try to remember the golden rule. If your benefactor is now an honest man, why should you seek to injure him simply because he has obtained a post you desire?*

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Vengeful Slander

"In the performance of my duty, have had to report subordinates for bringing intoxicating liquor into the building, as a result of which one has been discharged. I find that this woman is now circulating most injurious rumours regarding my moral character, which, if proved true, would lose me my job."

"Humanist" says: *You are well armed if you are innocent. You could take action if you lost your job through malicious slander, but a letter from a solicitor should be sufficient to put a stop to the annoyance of which you complain.*

The Road to Ruin

"As the eldest of a large family, I am seriously concerned about my youngest sister, only fifteen, who stays out late at night with men far above our station in life and will not give any account of herself when she comes home. I fear she is taking the wrong road and I want to stop her before it is too late."

"Humanist" says: *If you have reason to fear that your little sister is being drawn into a life of immorality, you should at once report your suspicions to the police-court missionary who will do everything possible to save her from a life of shame.*

Driven from Mother

"My mother, who is seriously ill, lives with my cousin who refuses to allow me to visit her and drives me from the door-step with obscene language. How can I take my mother the comforts I think she needs?"

"Humanist" says: *Your cousin has no right to refuse you access to your mother if she wishes to see you, and if he comes into the street and tries to drive you away with obscene language, you should call a policeman.*

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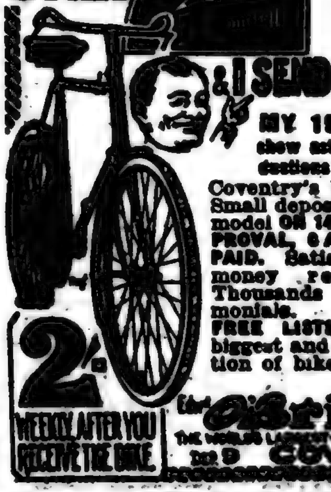

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Our Letter Parliament

A Dastardly Trick

Reservists' Sad Return—More Trees Wanted—Shopkeepers' Folly

MR. A. F. HOLT'S condemnation of the Pensions Act (JOHN BULL, February 4) is well merited. The Act is a glaring example of Government legislation—a cool, calculated measure to force down the wages of the workers of this country. It is a disgrace to civilisation that a man should be dismissed from his job or have his wages reduced because he is entitled to draw 10s. a week for which he has already paid.—*A. B., Balham.*

What a Benefit!

A point that should receive consideration is where the wife has not attained the qualifying age, and the husband is dismissed from employment on account of age. He is disqualified from receiving unemployment benefit and the sole income is 10s.—*T. M., Canton.*

A Big Post

Every reader of JOHN BULL should send a post-card to his M.P. and tell him what he thinks of the old-age pension scheme. Tell him that every one must have pensions at sixty-five years, and not penalise some and give it to others.—*L. M., Barry Island.*

Election Trap

It seems almost incredible that conditions such as those described by Mr. A. F. Holt can exist. The Government is presumably anxious to reduce the unemployed figures in view of the approaching election. If that is the game, it is to be hoped it will be made to suffer for such dirty work.—*J. B., Clerkenwell.*

Blind M.P.s

Mr. Holt's article on the new Pensions Act shows up the grave blunders of the Act in no uncertain manner. Surely the instances of hardship he cites could hardly have escaped the notice of M.P.s when the Act was under discussion. If they were aware of the hardship that would be the result they are criminally culpable; if not, then they are too blind to represent their constituents in Parliament.—*W. M. J., Palmer's Green.*

Sack the Old 'Uns!

Such cases as an employer deducting the amount of a pension off the wages disgust any self-respecting person. On the other hand, one cannot deplore the fact that many old people have been dismissed on becoming eligible for the pension. With so many able-bodied young men searching hopelessly for a job, surely it is not too much to expect that every man who has reached the age of sixty-five should make room for another? The trouble is that the paltry amount is totally inadequate.—*A. K., Birmingham.*

Bad Balance

JOHN BULL, for so long the champion of the oppressed, was more than worth its purchase price on February 4 for Mr. A. F. Holt's article alone. If the "thrift clause" of the old Insurance Act has disappeared those qualifying for pension at sixty-five are severely penalised. Ten shillings! And against it you have to enter no sick-pay, no disablement benefit, no "dole," and often wages reduced by the amount of the pension!—*F. G., Bideford.*

Rank Robbery

I know of a case of an agricultural labourer who has been employed on the same farm for sixteen years. After drawing his first pension of 10s. per week, he was informed that if he wished to retain his job he would have to submit to a reduction in his already meagre wages of 7s. per week. Has this man no protection from such a callous inhuman employer?—*D. A. T., Mon.*

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Feeble Solution

Men are being discharged up and down the country, simply because they have reached the age of sixty-five and have qualified for a pension. Is this the Government's solution of the unemployment problem? Is it the idea to give an old man 10s. a week and then dismiss him, so that another man who is drawing twice as much money as "dole" can have his job?—*A. D., Oldham.*

Poor Old Servants!

In your issue of February 4, I notice that the London and North Eastern Railway reduced an allowance of 14s. per week to 4s. when a man became eligible for the old-age pension. The Southern Railway has adopted the same principle with its old servants who did not have the privilege of joining the pension society. So that any old servant retiring with an allowance of 10s. per week or over gains nothing on receiving the old-age pension.—*J. F., London.*

A Happy Day

So able an official as Sir Edgar Harper cannot be accused of political bias, and he endorses (JOHN BULL, February 4) the doctrine which JOHN BULL has preached for years. When politicians admit that the roots of our national prosperity are grounded in the land, and employers realise that goods can only be sold to workmen with sufficient wages to buy, it will be a happy day for the country. —*W. L., Liverpool.*

War on War

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article, "An Incredible Sin" (JOHN BULL, February 4), is another indictment of war. Hugh Adams and thousands of other men who are disabled, starving and disillusioned might to-day be living useful and contented lives had there been no war. Every week, in various ways, you are educating the public to the fact that war should have no place in men's lives.—*W. R. C., Crosshill.*

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Base Betrayal

JOHN BULL readers will be grateful for your assurance that the case of the reserves called up for service in China will be brought up in the House. It seems quite incredible that the Government dares pay so little heed to the rights of these men after the shameful scandal of the last demobilisation.—*A. K., Birmingham.*

Work That is Wanted

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Make a Good Show!

JOHN BULL'S effort to make the shopkeeper realise the value of window-dressing should not pass without thanks. Nothing demeans a locality so much as dirty shop windows and jumbled displays of tarnished goods. The failures amongst small shopkeepers are not all due to the competition of multiple shops and big stores. Neglect of window-dressing has as much to do with it as anything.—*H. B., Steyning.*

Wrong Decrease

Since Mr. Baldwin took office the weekly wages of the worker have decreased by over a quarter of a million pounds sterling. If the best of good government lies in the well-being of the common people, then our Prime Minister must be adjudged a dismal failure.—*W. J., Dumbartonshire.*

Lax Charity Laws

According to replies given at an L.C.C. meeting, the receipts from a widely advertised charity ballot amounted to £147,000. Of this sum, £42,000 was awarded in prizes, £92,000 was absorbed by "expenses," and only £8,200 handed to the charity. It was further stated that in spite of repeated requests the organiser has not yet submitted any accounts. Should not the law insist that a balance-sheet must be published?—*L., London, N.W.*

Soviet Petrol

Why the great outcry against the use of Soviet petrol? If there is no demand for it, then it will soon die a natural death, but obviously the consumers must have a say in the matter, and in this age of almost unbearable taxation every copper saved on no matter what commodity counts. Why should we be prejudiced, even by a certain section of the Press, when the petrol serves the same purpose as that which is sold to make the rich richer?—*W. A. S., Aberdeen.*

Aiding Criminals

After Colonel Eaton's case (JOHN BULL, February 4) perhaps the Government will reconsider its decision not to proceed with company law amendment. A company is compelled to supply, under penalty, names and addresses of its proprietors to any applicant who is a shareholder. Eaton, when not a shareholder, applied to the company. I serve seen after we had raised new capital. We refused on that ground, but mainly because of your disclosures. By simply purchasing ten shares Eaton compelled us to innocently assist him in getting at the very latest and "live" investors. Why not give companies some discretion in this matter?—*Transfer Clerk, London.*

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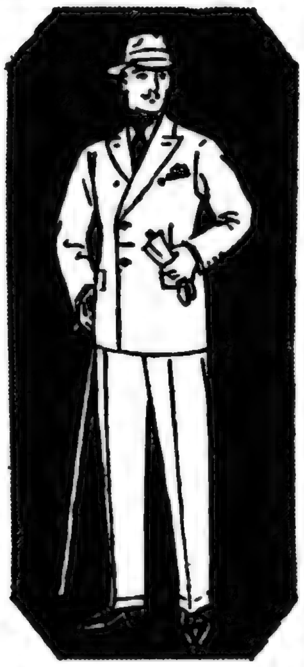

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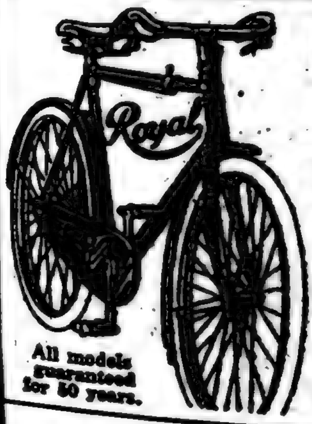

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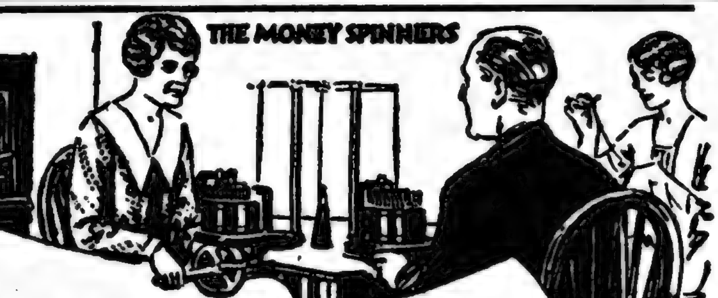

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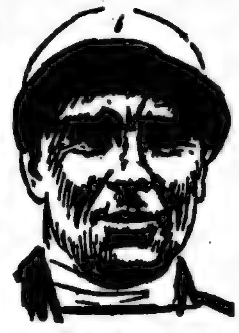
To Ride White Park—First Mount in the Big Race Since 1924 His Three Unlucky Favourites—Tall Tales of The Coyote

"THE Claims of Carfax," which occupied the major portion of my notes last week, have brought me letters from all over the country, and I gather that a large number of JOHN BULL readers have taken the long odds on offer in January.

ONE of the most interesting letters is from "T. R. J.," of Barry, Glamorgan, who says: "Did you notice Billy Barton's time when winning over three miles at Newbury, as compared with that of Carfax over three miles the following day at Kempton. Unless my paper was wrong, Carfax had a quarter of a mile in hand. You can, no doubt, refer to the races."

IN long-distance 'chases times vary for all manner of reasons, but in citing these two races my Barry correspondent hit on a good comparison. Billy Barton, carrying 11 st. 2 lbs., covered his three miles in 7 min. 8¼ secs. Carfax, weight 12 st. 8 lbs., did a similar distance in 6 min. 44 secs. It is evident that Carfax is of the breed that will make a race of it with a donkey, but he can turn on the pace when necessary. He must be forgiven his slow time over four miles of mud at Gatwick. In the National he carries one pound less than Billy Barton.

AT last we have some definite news of White Park. There will always be an "if" about this perfect fencer, owing to his delicate constitution, but providing he is fit and well, Mr. H. A. Brown will ride at Liverpool. I am sorry Eric Foster is not to have another chance on the nine-year-old, but he is certain of offers from other directions.



Mr. H. A. Brown, White Park's jockey in the National

THERE is no better amateur rider, and few more proficient professionals, than Mr. H. A. Brown, and many backers will take it as a pointer that he has decided to ride his brother's charge. I made White Park my selection as soon as I saw the weights, and I shall stick to my guns.

HARRY BROWN has not had the best of luck at Aintree, but it is a long lane without a turning. His faithful old slave, The Bore, carried him into third place in 1920. The following year they were partners again, The Bore starting a 9 to 1 favourite. On this occasion they finished second to Shaun Spadah, but it was only by sheer pluck that "H. A." got round. The Bore came to grief two fences from home and Mr. Brown broke a collar-bone. He remounted and was the only other to finish.

IN 1922 he was on the favourite once more, the brilliant park performer, Southampton. They came to grief at the first fence. He gave 1923 a miss, but in 1924 he was up again on one of the hottest favourites for years past, Conjuror II. Conjuror II started at 5 to 2, and if he had won hundreds of bookmakers would have gone out of business. Conjuror had been coupled with the Lincoln winner, Sir Gallahad III, all over the country. As it happened, "H. A.'s" mount was brought down by a loose horse. Mr. Brown did not ride in the big race in '25, '26, or last year.

MY French Correspondent tells me that the late owner of The Coyote is amused by the tall talk about the wonderful things the horse can do on a race-course. His reply is: "If The Coyote were the good thing for Aintree he is held up to be you can take it that money would not have bought him. He may win at Aintree ultimately, but I shall be surprised if it is this year."

WHEN I referred to the Lincolnshire for the first time, I said that I hoped Orbindos would be the mount of Michael Beary as I considered him better than A. Burns in a tight finish. Michael has been engaged for the Lambourn horse, so I shall make him my sole selection, and now suggest the following doubles:

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ORBINDOS	CARFAX

AN old-timer has asked me for the best "crock" in the Lincoln. He backed Cinderello in 1910, although he knew the horse had dicky legs, and he was on Berrilldon in 1913, a horse with a nasty habit of breaking blood vessels. Unfortunately, he believed the Newmarket touts who said Soranus was fat and, as a result, missed a good-priced winner, but he was not put off Tapin in spite of its boils.

THE best I can give him in the "infirm" line is the tubed Jugo. Jugo put up some fast times last year, and, as he will be fit from hurdling, may run into a place. One of Walter Nightingall's patrons gave over 600 gns. for the Son-in-Law horse after his last victory on the flat at Newmarket.

I AM receiving many complaints from readers of "bookies" who don't pay. The old hand, Walter Davington, of Excel House, London, W.C., does not alter his rotten methods, and another concern on the list is the London Football Totalisator, Ltd., of 117-121, Regent Street, London, W., letters to which are now returned by the postal authorities marked "Gone Away." Why do not punters deal with the recognised safe firms? I have repeatedly dinned this advice into their ears.

I READ the other day of a cautious Scot who did not back horses because all bookmakers left fortunes. Some do, so do some business men, but in these hard times the average bookmakers find it hard to make a living. Some time ago I was in Tatt's with two friends, and we all had the first winner. I was the last to be paid and the layer turned out every pocket to find the necessary. Eventually he owed me ten shillings, which I received after the second race. This particular "bookie" died a few months later and left £70.

WE are promised some fine racing at Newbury this week. My old friend, White Park, Billy Barton, Great Span, Grakle, Master Billie, and a host of the Grand National minor lights figure in the three-mile 'chase. At the weights I like Great Span, but he may win while these notes are in the press and incur a penalty. In this case, I suggest Master Billie each way. The February Hurdle may fall to Uncle Woody. The South Hatch four-year-old was fifteen lengths behind his stable companion, Combin, at his first attempt, but I know that he is useful. The best on the second day are Ring Stealer and Kerosene.

HURST PARK will have to provide the money for the week-end bills. If "Ruby" Thomson sends Bynac from Ayr the tip is obvious. The Sheriff was very unlucky to be beaten by Rossieny last time out, and should account for the Walton 'Chase. On Saturday I fancy Flashing Light and Don Sancho.

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3 Draws.—Swansea v. Leeds, Durham v. Rotherham, Norwich v. Brighton.

3 Home, 2 Away.—Oldham, Bradford, Doncaster, Bournemouth, Gillingham.

1 Home, 1 Away, 1 Draw.—Exeter, Crewe, Southport v. Darlington.

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FORECASTS FOR FEBRUARY 25.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

Home Winners.—Bolton, Cardiff, Derby, Everton, Leicester, Middlesbrough West Ham.

Away Winner.—Newcastle.

Draws.—Blackburn v. Tottenham, Portsmouth v. Burnley, Sunderland v. Aston Villa.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

Home Winners.—Blackpool, Chelsea, Leeds, Manchester C., Notts Forest, Port Vale, South Shields, West Bromwich.

Away Winners.—Stoke.

Draws.—Grimsby v. Hull, Reading v. Oldham.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (NORTHERN).

Home Winners.—Halifax, New Brighton, Rochdale, Southport.

Away Winners.—Darlington, Doncaster, Tranmere.

Draws.—Bradford C. v. Accrington, Nelson v. Bradford, Rotherham v. Wrexham.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (SOUTHERN).

Home Winners.—Bournemouth, Brentford, Bristol R., Gillingham, Millwall, Plymouth, Southend.

Away Winners.—Exeter, Swindon.

Draws.—Brighton v. Northampton, Merthyr v. Queen's Park Rangers.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Home Winners.—Celtic, Falkirk, Hibernians, Motherwell, Partick, St. Johnstone.

Away Winners.—Glasgow Rangers.

Draws.—Bo'ness v. Airdrie, Dunfermline v. Hamilton, Queen's Park v. Kilmarnock.

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Solution to the Cross-word Puzzle in our last issue.

This week's puzzle is on page 38.

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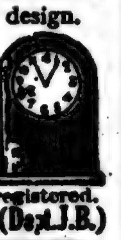

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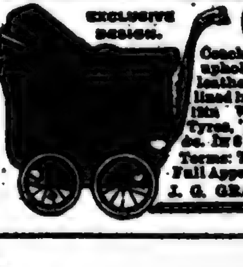

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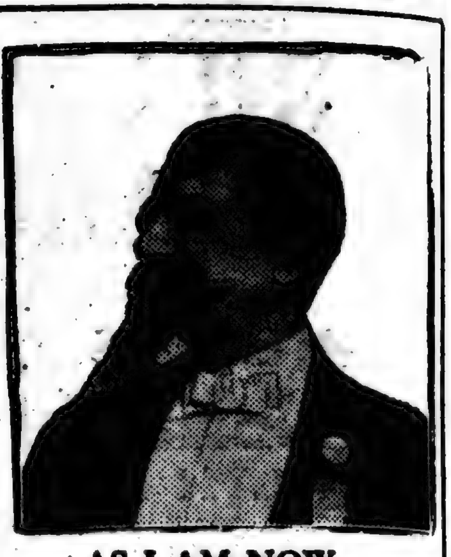

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New Hair at 75

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Kotalko has grown a nice lot of hair on top of my head, although I am 75 years of age. When I was younger I had a wonderful head of hair, but it commenced to fall out many years ago, and I had tried many things, but to no avail, until I used Kotalko. My friends are surprised, and my barber is astonished at my hair growing so well as shown in the photograph. Kotalko is grand and I am proud to boast of such a good head of hair at my age.

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THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

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S. S. (Heaton).—"I got the worst of it." Then make the best of it.

A. F. (Blockley).—"I laid the odds.' Don't cackle about it.

F. D. (Wallingford).—"Heaven helps those who help themselves." And heaven help them if they're caught!

TESSIE (Golders Green).—"I realise I cannot be a star." Then take good care not to be a cloud.

R. T. (Rawdon).—"M.P.s seem to enjoy their salaries for just sitting still thinking?" Why add thinking?

M. H. (Bradford).—"I can boast of having received two Orders." Get out and keep out?

H. H. (Bentham).—"Have you noticed the latest traffic returns?" Yes, why shouldn't it?

F. G. T. (Cargrave).—"I am still holding my own." So long as you don't try to hold ours we don't mind.

H. L. (Manchester).—"Our population is steadily falling." Why not scatter sand on the roads?

F. C. (Melton Mowbray).—"I think nothing of working ten hours a day." We don't think much of it either.

M. N. (Welling).—"My wife doesn't appreciate a good husband." Oh, she might if she had one.

H. W. (Wolverhampton).—"I didn'r like the look of the kippers." We neve saw a handsome kipper in our life.

H. T. (Wisbech).—"Bad teeth are due to tinned goods." We always open our tins with a patent opener.

D. A. (Lancaster).—"She receives the salary of a Cabinet Minister." Doesn't the Cabinet Minister's wife object?

B. T. (Norwich).—"I looked in the mirror to see if my face was clean." Our office-boy always looks at the towel.

MRS. T. (Wrexham).—"What's the best thing for cleaning silver?" A husband.

R. L. (Tilbury).—"I often see pictures in the fire." We often see pictures we would like to see in the fire.

G. V. (Forest Hill).—"Will you have a round of golf with me?" Sorry. Our language may be strong, but it's not equal to that.

C. R. S. (Broughton).—"I am one of the cleverest scholars the school ever turned out." What were you turned out for?

R. O. (Dolgelly).—"A man has no chance to get on these days." Some men would pass a mountain of gold without seeing it.

T. M. (N.18).—"She dropped me a flower out of the window." In a pot?

M. P. (Scunthorpe).—"The girl won't give me an answer." Press her for it.

G. A. (Driffield).—"The warmth of a woman's love cannot be matched." Except by the heat of her temper.

MISS D. (Aberdeen).—"I am engaged, which is almost as good as being married." It's better if only you knew it.

MINNIE (Levenshulme).—"What is the most essential attribute of a dramatic critic?" To sleep without snoring.

L. D. (York).—"What do you think of my sonnet?" One of the best Shakespeare ever wrote.

J. E. (S.W.17).—"My wife has just given birth to triplets." Demand a recount.

MISS G. (Cowes).—"This wet weather is very annoying." You find it makes your complexion streaky?

M. C. (Taunton).—"Honesty is the best policy." Not for insurance companies.

G. N. (Northaw).—"Charity covers a multitude of sins." Well, we will use it in your case.

MISS D. (Long Acre).—"I am going on the Continent to have my voice trained." Thank heavens!

F. W. (Brockley).—"I can always tell the weather." Then tell it it ought to be ashamed of itself.

MISS W. (Isleworth).—"Are there any good monologues going, and if so, where?" Any conversation between married people anywhere is a good monologue.

"CONJURER" (Ripon).—"Sword-swallowing as an art has gone out." But partial digestion of table knives will come in with the green peas in the summer.

F. K. (Nottingham).—"You don't seem to accuse bricklayers of being lazy." No, we're waiting until we can accuse them of being bricklayers.

F. P. (Paisley).—"Dare even a Scotsman marry if he earns only £50 a year?" Certainly, if he's lucky enough to find a rich wife.

F. S. (Gillingham).—"My wife always sings when the baby cries." But don't the neighbours prefer the noise made by the baby?

N. E. (Falmouth).—"It is a responsible thing for a man to have M.P. attached to his name." More responsible for a woman to have MA attached to hers.

"LITERARY ASPIRANT" (Pendleton).—"What kind of writings, in your opinion, are nowadays most easily convertible into cash?" Cheques.

R. J. (Stockwell).—"Don't you think rump-steak rather a rash breakfast for a sufferer from indigestion?" Yes—but bacon would be a rasher.

ELSIE K. (Surbiton).—"I mean to attend all the big race-meetings this year, but don't suppose I shall have much on?" Well, no one will expect you to, nowadays.

T. C. (Ealing).—"I got a black eye through falling against the fender." Of course. Of course. And what started the argument?

H. D. (Coulsdon).—"Is it true that there is tin in coloured artificial silk stockings?" Yes, the manufacturers seem to be getting heaps of it out of them.

H. G. (Aberdeen).—"I can't stand many drinks." Or won't?

T. B. R. (Oxted).—"He has lost his health getting wealthy." Now he'll probably lose his wealth trying to get healthy.

A. B. (Rochester).—"He was swindled out of £100 on his eightieth birthday." He had reached a green old age.

L. B. (Preston).—"I have cycled for thirty years on and off." You don't sound a very skilful rider.

R. G. (Borough).—"I haven't visited New Zealand yet." How anxious the inhabitants must be getting!

B. N. (Dover).—"Our new cook is very tall." But do you think she will stay long?

T. B. (Caterham).—"Henpecked husbands live the longest." At least it seems the longest.

D. E. (Taunton).—"I have a tortoise for sale." Perhaps a plumber will buy it as a mascot.

T. L. (Bootle).—"I have seen twenty-five summers." That makes you about fifty years old.

A. N. R. (Preston).—"My fiancée is becoming increasingly fond of the weed." Are you the weed?

F. B. (Swanwick).—"I mean to leave my foot-prints in the sands of time." Be careful not to leave any finger-prints.

R. N. (Penhurst).—"Is it right to call a plane she?" Yes, but never call a she plain.

L. B. (Rochdale).—"I have discovered a new fireproof material." So have we. Our dealer calls it coal.

A. V. B. (Derby).—"I am going to marry her although I have not met her mother." Perhaps that's why.

N. R. (Ilminster).—"How can I prevent water coming into the house?" Don't pay your water rates.

L. T. (Chepstow).—"My fiancée is an artist." Pooh! Most modern girls paint.

P. R. (Penge).—"I telephoned to him and got through in ten seconds." Probably all the wrong numbers were engaged.

B. D. (Tunbridge Wells).—"How does a conjurer change pennies into half-crowns?" He doesn't, or he wouldn't be a conjurer. Try a bit of conjuring yourself in *Bullets* this week. You can turn a tanner into a "tenner"!

GERTIE (Hanmer).—"What kind of a husband would you advise me to get?" We strongly advise you to get a single man.

ENA (Egham).—"I can never understand my sister on the telephone." Have you ever tried talking one at a time?

T. M. (Brent).—"I have a wide knowledge of things." How strange that those are just the things you never seem to write about.

P. N. (Mayfair).—"These are not my own opinions I am quoting." We recognise that they are the opinions of somebody who knows what he is talking about.

A. N. (Glasgow).—"Every time you hear the clock tick over £25 has been spent by the Government." And even if you don't hear the clock tick the money goes just the same.

A. V. (Gosport).—"Who pays M.P.'s?" You and us.

A. V. (Tooting).—"I have a double in the office." Is that wise during business hours?

JOHN B. (Enfield).—"I hate stupidity and pig-headedness in a man." You mustn't run yourself down like that.

D. B. (Maidstone).—"He said I was the black sheep of the family." And did you say "Baa"?

G. R. (Canterbury).—"The doctor admitted that I had a splendid system." Does he back horses, too?

A. N. (Jarrow).—"If you called at my office I couldn't see you." What a disgraceful state to be in.

M. H. (Birkenhead).—"A geologist thinks nothing of thousands of years." Then don't lend money to a geologist.

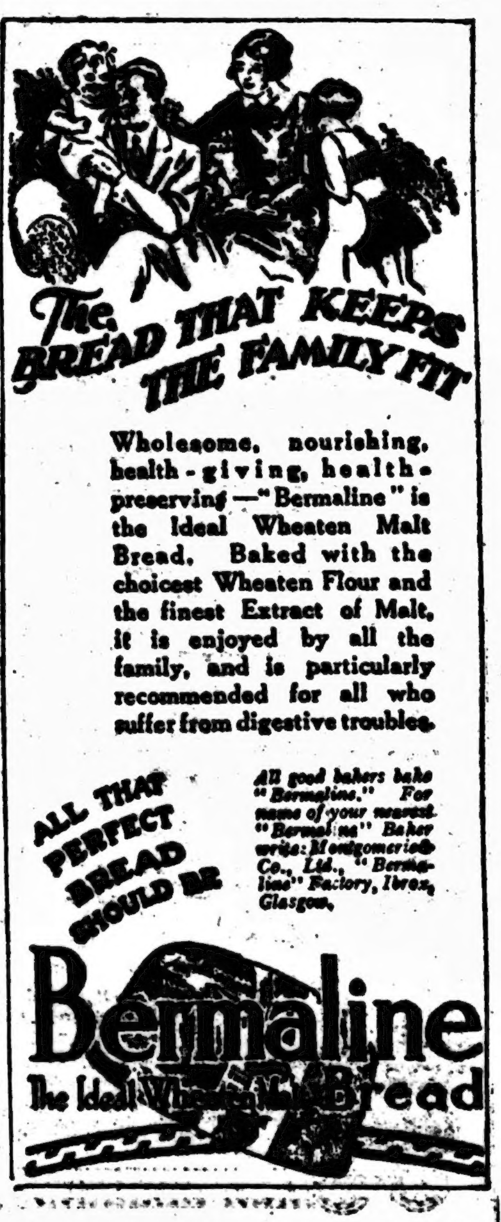
MISS V. (St. Albans).—"Can you give me a little praise for my compositions?" Yes, a very little.

A. A. (Bournemouth).—"Do you infer I am telling a lie?" Not at all. We merely advise you to be careful how you handle the truth.

A. N. (Tonbridge).—"She married a man and found later that he had no money." He was a poor fish, but she landed him just the same.

ETHEL C. (Derby).—"Since our engagement was broken off, he has actually threatened to sue me for the return of his presents." It's a poor sort of courting that ends in county courting.

(Many replies unavoidably held over.)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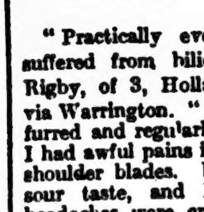

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> Give love, give tears, and give
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> Give, give, be always giving;
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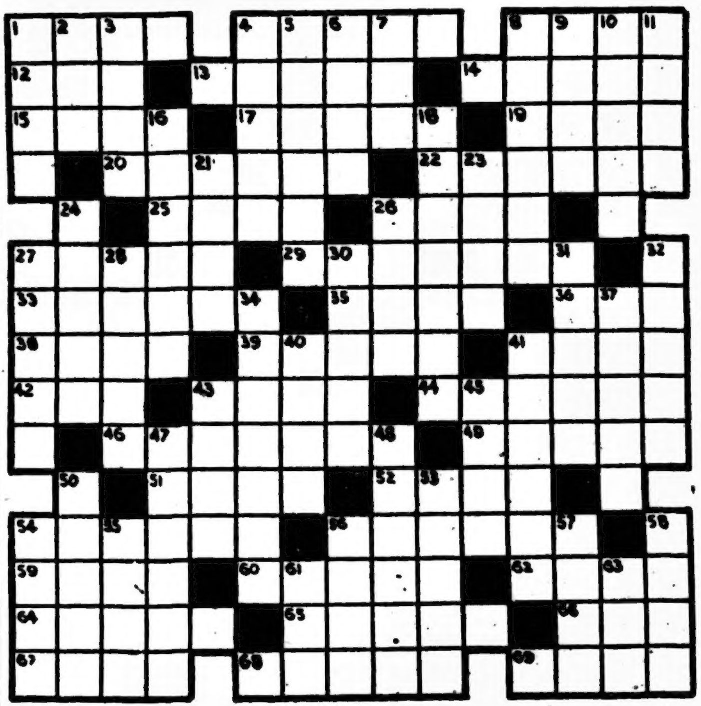
Our Cross-Word Corner

A Test of Wits



CLUES ACROSS

1. Domino.
4. Banter.
8. Go by.
12. Skill.
13. Pare.
14. Comedy.
15. Peruse.
17. Subtle sarcasm.
19. Uncommon.
20. Pale colour.
22. Meteorological measurement.
25. Perceive by touch.
26. True.
27. Lustre.
29. Resided.
33. Charm.
35. To be at anchor.
36. Blackleg.
38. Hitherto.
39. German river.
41. Only.
42. Mimic.
43. A vessel.
44. Indicate.
46. A dry habit of the body.
49. Part of a coat.
51. Long tube.
52. Apex.
54. A colour.
56. Pack of hounds.
59. A ring.
60. To perform anew.
62. Flabby.
64. Assisted.
65. Foreign.
66. Observe.
67. Growing timber.
68. Guide.
69. Retain.

CLUES DOWN

1. Market.
2. Part of verb "to be."
3. Remain.
4. S. American Republic.
5. English King.
6. State.
7. Flat country.
8. Word of honour.
9. Street urchin.
10. A morsel.
11. A prophet.
16. Fault.
18. Gave up.
21. Cotton gauze.
23. Auction.
24. Quick.
26. Restraint.
27. A smudge.
28. English county.
30. To compose.
31. To languish.
32. Hard metal.
34. Cavalryman.
37. Change.
40. To loathe.
41. Serpents.
43. A rim.
45. Dash.
47. An epic poem.
48. Bullion.
50. Part of a church.
53. Go in.
54. Conversation.
55. Borne.
56. Colewort.
57. Mislay.
58. A pace.
61. Consume.
63. Reward for services.

The solution of our last week's Puzzle will be found on page 36

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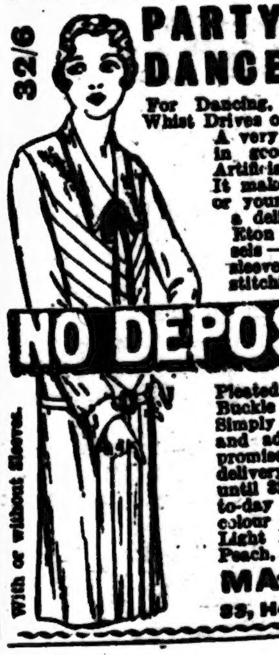

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BODY AND SOUL
WHY WIFE'S LIKE DORA
HER MOTHER THINKS
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WHAT THE PEACEMAKER SAID
WITHOUT A THOUGHT
HER SLAVE
WHY NATURE'S LIKE WOMAN
DOCTOR'S ORDERS
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